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Setting of Open Air Fires

General Laws, Chapter 48, Section 13 as amended:

"No person shall set, maintain or increase a fire in the open air at any time unless the ground is substantially covered with snow, except by written permission, covering a period not exceeding five days from the date thereof, granted by the forest warden or chief of the fire department in cities and towns, or, in cities having such an official, the fire commissioner; provided, that no such permit shall be granted to be exercised during any portion of the months of April and May except upon rainy days; and provided, further, that persons over the age of twenty-one may, without a permit, set, maintain or increase a reasonable fire for the purpose of cooking, upon sandy or gravelly land free from living or dead vegetation or upon sandy or rocky beaches bordering on tide water, if the fire is enclosed with rocks, metal or other non-inflammable material. The forest warden, chief or fire commissioner, as the case may be, may make it a condition for granting a permit that any burning shall be done only after four o'clock (eastern standard time) in the afternoon and he may revoke a permit at any time. The forester may make rules and regulations relating to the granting and revocation of such permits binding throughout the commonwealth. Such rules and regulations shall take effect subject to section thirty-seven of chapter thirty, when approved by the governor and council. The forest wardens in towns and officials performing the duties of forest wardens in cities shall cause public notice to be given of the provisions of this section and shall enforce the same. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one month, or both."

Incinerators are classed as open air fires.

G. L. Hall

ANNUAL REPORT
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TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote at town meetings for the transaction of town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts, to wit:

Precinct 1—Town Hall, Acton Center

Precinct 2—Universalist Church, South Acton

Precinct 3—Woman's Club House, West Acton

at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, the second day of March, 1942, by posting a copy of this warrant, by you attested, at each of the places as directed by vote of the town, seven days at least before the second day of March.

To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers:

Moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, collector of taxes, one selectman for three years; one assessor for three years; one member of the board of public welfare for three years; four constables for one year; one cemetery commissioner for three years; two members of the school committee for three years; one member of school committee for one year; one member of the board of health for three years; one trustee Memorial Library for three years, and a tree warden.

The polls will be open at 12 o'clock noon, and close at 8 o'clock p.m.

You are further requested in the name of the Commonwealth to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, as

aforesaid, to meet at the Town Hall in said Acton on Monday, the ninth day of March, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries of all town officers.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committee chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1942, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Work Relief Fund, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$230.00 for the use of the treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local dog officer. The town will be reimbursed for the amount spent by the County of Middlesex, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase additional seats for the Town Hall or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to continue the improvement of Main Street, from the Carlisle line to the State Road in East Acton; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and install directional signs or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and install a new heating system in the Town Hall or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure the High School Building or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will accept as a town way or street, the laying out by the selectmen, of an extension of Maple Avenue, westerly about 341 feet to the house of Charles H. Liebfried, as shown on a plan filed in the office of the town clerk.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the County of Middlesex, as required by law, the town's share of the net cost of the care, maintenance, and repair of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital, as assessed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws and Acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto and including Chapter 400, Section 25 G (6) (a) of the Acts of 1936, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a cruiser equipped with two-way radio for the police department or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will accept Section 1, Chapter 85, General Laws as amended relative to bicycle registration.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the maintenance of Jones Community Field, South Acton, or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the redemption of tax titles held by the town.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to transfer \$750.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace the present ladder truck in South Acton or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to pay for fighting building fires and fix a price thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will be responsible for accidents caused by fire apparatus operators and to what extent.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Acton this twenty-eighth day of January, 1942.

JAMES E. KINSLEY,
GEORGE A. MORSE,
W. BURTON HARVEY,
Selectmen of Acton.

A true copy. Attest:

NORMAN L. PERKINS,
Constable of Acton.

Report of Finance Committee

Your committee on Finance respectfully submits the following recommendations for appropriations for the ensuing year:

General Government	\$7,200.00
Bonds	251.50
Buildings and Grounds	1,900.00
Police Department	4,200.00
Fire Department	2,800.00
Forest Fires	900.00
Hydrant Service	3,453.00
Moth Department	1,000.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Health Department	1,200.00
Town Nurse, Salary and Expenses	2,200.00
Highways, Village	1,450.00
Highways, Chapter 81	8,550.00
Highways, Chapter 90	2,000.00
Snow Removal, Estimate	4,000.00
Street Lighting	3,950.00
Welfare	5,000.00
State Aid	240.00
Military Aid	300.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	18,000.00
Education	52,000.00
Library Maintenance	1,500.00
Library Books	200.00
Cemeteries	2,800.00
Liability Insurance	800.00
Memorial Day (Article 5)	250.00
Expense Dog Officer (Article 8)	200.00
Work Relief (Article 7)	200.00
Jones Athletic Field (Article 18)	300.00
Redemption Tax Titles (Article 19)	100.00

Unclassified	400.00
Interest on Notes and Bonds	400.00
Interest on Revenue Loans	100.00
Notes and Bonds	1,905.33
Soldiers' Relief	1,600.00
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Total	\$133,849.83

Article No. 9. Recommend the appropriation of \$250.00 for the purchase of additional seats for Town Hall.

Article No. 10. Recommend we pass over the Article.

Article' No. 11. Recommend we pass over the article.

Article No. 12. Recommend the sum, not to exceed the amount of \$2500.00, for installation of new heating system in Town Hall.

Article No. 13. Recommend the High School Building be insured for \$20,000.00 for the term of three or five years and a sufficient sum be appropriated to pay the premium.

Article No. 16. Recommend the purchase of a cruiser car equipped with two-way radio for the Police Department and the sum of \$1500.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose. If article is accepted we suggest the appropriation for the Police Department be broken down as follows: Chief's salary \$1800.00, assistant \$1550.00, operation expenses for cruiser \$450.00, and general expense \$400.00.

Article No. 21. Recommend it be referred to a committee appointed by the Moderator.

Article No. 22. Recommend this article be left with the Selectmen as has been the custom.

Article No. 23. Recommend this article be referred to Town Council for opinion and report.

Recommend that the amount of \$1000.00 appropriated for Moth Department be expended for spraying only, no creosoting.

Recommend the sum of \$2000.00 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus account for the Reserve Fund.

The attention of the voters is respectfully directed to the situation which has arisen in regard to Article 26 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting of March 10, 1941, covering "purchase of a new power road grader." Under this article the Finance Committee "recommended no action at present." Furthermore the voters voted against the motion to purchase the machine. It is your committee's understanding that a power grader came into the possession of the Town during the month of April, 1941, and still is in its possession.

Statement of Town Government appropriations for years 1936 and 1941 to show comparison of expenditures with 1942 Estimates.

	1936	1941	1942
Highways:			
General Maintenance	\$12,000.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00
Chapter 81		8,550.00	8,550.00
Chapter 90		2,000.00	2,000.00
General Government	5,500.00	7,000.00	7,200.00
Bonds	1,000.00	251.50	251.50
Notes and Bonds	4,000.00	1,000.00	1,905.33
Building and Grounds	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,900.00
Police Dept.	2,500.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
Fire Dept.	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,300.00
Forest Fires	500.00	500.00	900.00
Hydrant Service	3,079.00	3,428.00	3,453.00
Moth Dept.	1,700.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Tree Warden	none	1,000.00	500.00
Health Dept.	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Town Nurse	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Snow Removal	4,700.00	5,000.00	4,000.00
Street Lighting	3,000.00	3,950.00	3,950.00
Welfare	8,500.00	5,500.00	5,000.00
State Aid	500.00	240.00	240.00
Military Aid	200.00	600.00	300.00
Aid to Dependent Children ..		2,300.00	2,000.00

Old Age Assistance	9,000.00	15,500.00	18,000.00
Education	46,000.00	47,000.00	52,000.00
Library Maintenance	800.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Library Books	200.00	200.00	200.00
Cemeteries	800.00	2,500.00	2,800.00
Insurance Liability	1,000.00	800.00	800.00
Memorial Day	275.00	250.00	250.00
Expense Dog Officer		200.00	200.00
Work Relief		500.00	200.00
Redemption Tax Titles		100.00	100.00
Jones Athletic Field		300.00	300.00
Unclassified	400.00	400.00	400.00
Interest on Notes and Bonds ..	1,000.00	200.00	400.00
Interest Revenue Loans	2,000.00	150.00	100.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,600.00

Precinct 1. Alden C. Flagg, W. Stuart Allen

Precinct 2. William T. Merriam, Henry E. Tolman

Precinct 3. Webster S. Blanchard, Porter Jenks

Finance Committee

Town Officers

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee

Selectmen

James E. Kinsley	Term expires 1942
W. Burton Harvey	Term expires 1943
George A. Morse	Term expires 1944

Town Clerk

Harlan E. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

William Henry Soar

Assessors

Henry L. Haynes	Term expires 1942
Carl C. Flint	Term expires 1943
Albert P. Durkee	Term expires 1944

Collector of Taxes

Carrie M. Durkee

Tree Warden

James J. Knight

Board of Public Welfare

Carl E. Backman	Term expires 1942
Mary M. Laffin	Term expires 1943
Raymond L. Hatch	Term expires 1944

Constables

Samuel E. Knowlton	Robert G. Willett
Ivar Peterson	Norman L. Perkins

Cemetery Commissioners

Wendell F. Davis	Term expires 1942
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1943
Harry E. Holt	Term expires 1944

School Committee

*Avis Howe	Term expires 1942
Richard A. Lowden	Term expires 1942
Fannie E. Davis	Term expires 1943
†Everett N. Montague	Term expires 1943
Hazel O. Bundy	Term expires 1944
Walter B. Stevens	Term expires 1944
‡Robert C. Hall	
§Edward A. Schmitz	
*Resigned	†Resigned
‡Elected to replace *	§Elected to replace †

Trustees of Memorial Library

Frank A. Merriam	Term expires 1942
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1943
J. Sidney White	Term expires 1944

Board of Health

Lowell H. Cram	Term expires 1942
O. Lawrence Clark	Term expires 1943
Lillian E. Taylor	Term expires 1944

Agent of Board of Health

Ernest E. Allsopp

Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

Waldo E. Whitcomb	Term expires 1942
Charlotte Conant	Term expires 1943
Clara L. Sawyer	Term expires 1944

Trustees of West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

H. Stuart MacGregor	Term expires 1942
James B. Wilson	Term expires 1943
Arnold H. Perkins	Term expires 1944

Trustees of Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Clarence Frost	Term expires 1942
Herbert Merriam	Term expires 1943
Frederick T. Kennedy	Term expires 1944

Trustees of Goodnow Fund

Charlotte Conant	Term expires 1942
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1943
Charles E. Smith	Term expires 1944

Appointments Made By Selectmen — 1941

Executive Clerk

Virginia Milbery

Office: Town Hall

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Meetings: Board of Selectmen, Wednesday evenings at 7:30;

Board of Public Welfare, Monday evenings at 7:00.

Finance Committee

W. Stuart Allen

Henry E. Tolman

Alden C. Flagg

Webster S. Blanchard

William T. Merriam

Porter G. Jenks

Superintendent of Streets

William C. Kazokas

Town Accountant

Howard L. Jones Term expires 1944

Registrars of Voters

William B. Feely Term expires 1942

Walter L. O'Neil Term expires 1943

Arthur Lee Term expires 1944

Harlan E. Tuttle Ex-Officio

Election Officers

— Precinct I —

Warden—James W. Coughlin

Clerk—James A. Wayne

Inspector—Samuel E. Knowlton

Inspector—Paul A. Coughlin

Deputy Warden—George E. Murphy

Deputy Clerk—Spencer H. Taylor

Deputy Inspector—Ralph L. Rogers

Deputy Inspector—Leo T. McCarthy

Teller—Louisa N. Wood

Teller—Alice M. Duren

— Precinct II —

Warden—Clarence Robbins
Clerk—Grace J. Cullinane
Inspector—Merle M. Hayward
Inspector—Sophia Walsh
Deputy Warden—David Clayton
Deputy Clerk—Thomas M. Murray
Deputy Inspector—Henry L. Capelle
Deputy Inspector—Joseph H. Lemoine
Teller—Pauline Bursaw
Teller—John J. Bradley

— Precinct III —

Warden—Fannie E. Davis
Clerk—Peter J. Duggan
Inspector—Havelock J. Schnair
Inspector—Katherine M. Kinsley
Deputy Warden—Bertram D. Hall
Deputy Clerk—Charles A. Byron
Deputy Inspector—Harry E. Holt
Deputy Inspector—Mary Laffin
Teller—Margaret F. Leveroni
Teller—Marion C. Reed

Fire Engineers

H. Stuart MacGregor, Chief Engineer
Clarence Frost, Asst. Engineer—Precinct I
David Clayton, Asst. Engineer—Precinct II
Arno H. Perkins, Asst. Engineer—Precinct III

Cattle Inspector

Ernest E. Allsopp

Forest Warden

H. Stuart MacGregor

Dog Officer

Arthur Fraser

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Clare A. Milbery

Town Forest Committee

James J. Knight	Term expires 1942
Albert R. Jenks	Term expires 1943
Clarence Frost	Term expires 1944

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Bertram D. Hall	George H. Reed	Charles E. Smith
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Field Drivers

Norman E. Livermore	Robert G. Willett	Norman L. Perkins
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Superintendent of Moth Work

James J. Knight

Police Officers

*Michael Foley, Chief

Norman L. Perkins	Robert G. Willett
*Civil Service—Permanent	

Burial Agent

Waldo J. Flint

Soldier's Relief Agent

Waldo J. Flint

Superintendent of Jones Memorial Field

*Eden Cahill

†Osgood Tuttle

*Deceased

†Appointed to replace *

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Howard L. Jones

Public Weighers

George H. Reed	Alfred Davis, Jr.
William Braman	G. Howard Reed
A. W. Davis	W. H. Francis Davis
M. B. Ferber	Thomas Hearon
Philip Newell	Fred Stone
Willard Houghton	Albert S. Braman
W. H. Soar	Clarence E. Braman
Peter Olsen, Jr.	Harold Whitney
Gerald Davis	William Kane
Charles Clark	Edward Hellier

John William Davis

Selectmen's Report

We submit, herewith, the reports of the various departments of the town for the year ending December 31, 1941. Also, all of the action under the different articles voted at the last annual Town Meeting and the Special Town Meeting.

Article 23

The Town Hall was painted on the outside, and the two inside entrance halls were also painted under the amount voted.

Article 24

The Board purchased two hundred seats for the Town Hall, and recommends an appropriation for the purchase of an additional one hundred seats.

Article 25

The committee appointed by the Moderator join with the Board in recommending no action on a highway building due to war conditions.

Article 27

The Board appointed Norman L. Perkins a full time police officer, and he has made an efficient public employee. The additional officer provides full time police service to the town.

Article 30

The Town received no allotment for School Street.

Article 33

The street signs were installed, but the directional signs were not purchased.

Lieut. T. Charles Gallagher has formed an Acton Company of the auxiliary state guard, and the Board expresses to Lieut. Gallagher and his men the appreciation of the town.

We also extend to all those citizens of the town who have engaged in civilian defense activities the appreciation of the Board.

The Board recommends the installation of a new heating system in the Town Hall, as the present system is a problem of maintenance.

The Board strongly urges economy at the annual meeting, as the town faces a decrease in revenue and an increased expense in conducting the regular department activities due to war conditions.

We thank the different officers and committees of the town for doing their part in carrying out their work in the different departments of the town.

JAMES E. KINSLEY
GEORGE A. MORSE
W. BURTON HARVEY

Town Meetings

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting, March 10, 1941

Art. 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries of all town officers.

Chose Clara L. Sawyer trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund for three years.

Chose Arnold H. Perkins trustee of the West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose Frederick T. Kennedy trustee of the Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose Charles E. Smith trustee of the Goodnow Fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the Tax Collector be one thousand dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Selectmen be three hundred dollars per annum and the other members two hundred dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salaries of the Assessors be nine hundred dollars in the aggregate per annum to be apportioned as they may determine.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Board of Health be twenty-five dollars per annum, the clerk fifteen dollars and the other member ten dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Board of Public Welfare be one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum and that of the other members seventy-five dollars each per annum and that a member of the Board of Public Welfare

shall serve as Supervisor of Old Age Assistance and that the expense of administering this assistance such as necessary supplies, salary and traveling expense of said supervisor shall not exceed the amount provided for this purpose by the Federal Government.

Voted: That the salary of the Moderator be fifteen dollars for the annual meeting and ten dollars for special meetings.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Clerk be two hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Treasurer be five hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Accountant be five hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to fix the salaries of all other town officers.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers.

Voted: To accept the several reports of town officers.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

No action taken under this article.

The following resolution was presented by James E. Kinsley and Voted unanimously. Whereas Horace F. Tuttle is retiring from the office of town clerk after serving forty-six years.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of his loyal and faithful service.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Under this and other articles in the warrant it was voted to appropriate and raise by taxation for:

General Government	\$7,000.00
Bonds—Art. 9	251.50
Building and Grounds	1,500.00
Police Department	4,200.00
Fire Department —Art. 6	2,800.00
Forest Fire—Art. 7	500.00
Fire Alarm—Art. 32	2,205.00
Hydrant Service	3,428.00
Moth Department—Art. 17	1,200.00
Tree Warden—Art. 18	1,000.00
Health Department	1,200.00
Town Nurse—Art. 11, Salary	2,000.00
Town Nurse—Art. 11, Expenses	200.00
Highway—Village	1,450.00
Highway—Chap. 81	8,550.00
Highway—Chap. 90	2,000.00
Snow Removal, Estimated	6,000.00
Street Lighting	3,950.00
Public Welfare	5,500.00
State Aid	240.00
Military Aid	600.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,600.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,300.00
Old Age Assistance	15,500.00
Dept. of Education, Schools	47,000.00
Library, Maintenance	1,500.00
Library, Books	200.00
Cemeteries	2,500.00
Liability Insurance—Art. 8	800.00
Memorial Day—Art. 5	250.00
Dog Officer—Art. 22	200.00
Work Relief—Art. 12	500.00
Redemption of Tax Titles—Art. 20	100.00
Jones Field, Athletic—Art. 16	300.00
Unclassified	400.00
Interest on Notes and Bonds	200.00

Interest on Revenue Loans	150.00
Notes and Bonds	1,000.00
Middlesex County Hospital, Maintenance—Art. 15	944.26
Fire Dept., New Fire Hose—Art. 13	800.00
Fire Dept.—New Forest Fire Hose	400.00
Unpaid Bills—(Art. 21 for the year 1940)	98.68
Art. 23—Painting Town Hall	600.00
Art. 24—New Seats, Town Hall	500.00
Art. 28—North Main St.	2,250.00
Art. 30—School St., S. Acton	1,000.00
Art. 33 & 37—Installing Street Signs	800.00
Art. 34—Cemeteries (Shade Trees)	300.00
Art. 36—Addition to High School	3,500.00
Art. 31—Transfer from Machinery Fund to Ma- chinery Account	851.52
Overlay Surplus Acct. for Reserve Fund	2,000.00
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	\$144,318.96

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the fire department, or vote anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight hundred dollars.

Art. 7. To see if the town will pay for fighting brush fires and fix a price thereon.

Voted: To appropriate five hundred dollars for fighting brush fires and that the price for services and labor be fixed at fifty cents per hour for firemen, sixty cents per hour for Deputy Forest Warden and seventy-five cents per hour for the Forest Warden.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appro-

priate a sum of money to insure the employees of the town or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars for liability insurance.

Art. 9. To see what amount of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of premiums on all town officers' bonds, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate two hundred fifty-one dollars and fifty cents (\$251.50) for the payment of premiums on all bonds of town officials.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1941, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Voted unanimously: That the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1941, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any **note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year** in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to employ a public health nurse, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of same.

Voted: To employ a public health nurse to be under the direction of the Board of Health and to appropriate two thousand dollars for the salary of said nurse and two hundred dollars for maintenance.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Work Relief Fund or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) or any other sum to purchase new fire hose.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars to purchase new 2½-inch fire hose.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase new forest fire hose or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred (\$400.00) to purchase new forest fire hose.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the County of Middlesex, as required by law, the town's share of the net cost of the care, maintenance, and repair of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital, as assessed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws and Acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto and including Chapter 400, Section 25 G (6) (a) of the Acts of 1936, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred forty-four and 26/100 (\$944.26) dollars to meet the assessment made on the town for the purpose mentioned in this article.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$300.00) for the maintenance of Jones Community Field, South Acton, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for the maintenance of Jones Community Field, South Acton.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 or any other sum for the suppression of brown-tail and gypsy moths or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for the suppression of brown-tail and gypsy moths.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of shade trees or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00; \$800.00 for shade trees and \$200.00 for feeding trees and setting out new trees.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars or any other sum to be used by the Town Forest Committee for the purpose of purchasing additional forest land or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the redemption of tax titles held by the town.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the redemption of tax titles held by the town.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the following unpaid bills for 1940, or do or act anything thereon.

General Government	\$46.00
Board of Health	26.25
Fire Department	6.43
	————— \$78.68
Also 1939 unpaid bills General Government ...	20.00

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-eight and 68/100 dollars (\$98.68) to pay the unpaid bills referred to in this article.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$230.00 for the use of the treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local dog officer. The town will be reimbursed for the amount spent, by the County of Middlesex, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to pay the expenses of the local dog officer.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to paint the Town Hall or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for painting the Town Hall.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase settees for the Town Hall or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for purchasing new seats for Town Hall.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a plot of land and erect a building thereon for the use of the highway department or act anything thereon.

Motion: That there be appropriated the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6000.00) for the purchase of a plot of land and the erection of a building thereon for the use of the highway department, and to meet said appropriation there be raised in the tax levy of 1941 the sum of fifteen hundred dollars and that the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen be authorized to borrow the sum of forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500.00), and issue notes therefor payable in accordance with Chapter 44, General Laws; so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than five years.

The motion did not prevail.

Voted: That the moderator appoint a committee of three, one from each precinct, to act with the Selectmen to look into the matter of the purchase of a plot of land and the erection of a building thereon for the use of the highway department and to report at the next annual town meeting. The moderator appointed: Howard J. Billings, Albert R. Jenks and Allen G. Moody a committee.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appro-

priate a sum of money to purchase a new power road grader or act anything thereon.

Motion: That there be appropriated the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7500.00) for the purchase of a power road grader and to meet the said appropriation, there be raised in the tax levy of 1941 the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) and that the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6000.00), and to issue notes therefor payable in accordance with Chapter 44, General Laws; so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than five years.

This motion did not prevail.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an additional full time police officer or act anything thereon.

Voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an additional full time police officer.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to continue the improvement of Main Street, from the Carlisle line to the State Road in East Acton; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County; or both, for this purpose; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars (\$2250.00) to continue the improvement of Main Street, from Carlisle line to the State Road in East Acton; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both for this purpose.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair and widen Main Street from Route 2 to the Maynard line; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the specific repairs and widenings of School Street, South Acton, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted: To raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for specific repairs and widenings of School Street, South Acton, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose.

Voted: That the appropriation be transferred to the construction of Main Street provided the State and County will approve of said transfer.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to transfer \$1000.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer \$851.52 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account and to include the purchase of a road grader.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,205.00 to complete the fire alarm system or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,205.00 to complete the fire alarm system.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and install directional and street signs or act anything thereon.

Voted: That article 33 and article 37 be acted upon jointly.

Voted: "To raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) to purchase and install directional and street signs and to assign numbers of dwellings, business establishments, and public buildings upon the streets of the town."

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appro-

priate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or any other sum to be used for pruning damaged trees in the cemeteries of the town or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to be used for pruning damaged trees in the cemeteries of the town.

Art. 35. To see what action the town will take in regard to changing the name of School Street, West Acton, to Gates Road or any other suitable name, or act anything thereon.

A motion that the street in West Acton called School Street be changed and the name Durkee Street be substituted therefor did not prevail.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,500.00 for the building of two wings at the rear of the present high school, in order to provide locker and shower rooms, drawing room, new typewriting room, new nurse's room, and all necessary original equipment, and to make necessary alterations in the present building to provide for a larger mechanics arts department, and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$3,500.00 shall be raised in the tax levy of the current year, \$2,500.00 of said amount being for remodeling or changing the present building, and the treasurer with the selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow \$16,000.00 and issue bonds or notes of the town therefor according to the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. Said bonds or notes shall be due and payable in not more than sixteen years. The amount appropriated shall be expended under the direction of the Special Committee appointed by the moderator in 1940 and School Committee; pass any votes or take any action relative thereto.

Voted unanimously: To raise and appropriate \$19,500.00 for the building of two wings at the rear of the present high school, in order to provide locker and shower rooms, drawing room, new typewriting room, new nurse's room, and all necessary original equipment, and to make necessary alterations in the present building to provide for a larger mechanics arts

department, and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$3,500.00 shall be raised in the tax levy of the current year, \$2,500.00 of said amount being for remodeling or changing the present building, and the treasurer with the selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow \$16,000.00 and issue bonds or notes of the town therefor according to the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. Said bonds or notes shall be due and payable in not more than sixteen years. The amount appropriated shall be expended under the direction of the Special Committee appointed by the modeator in 1940 and the School Committee.

Art. 37 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the erection of guide posts and boards at intersections of School and River Street; School Street and Laws Brook Road; and School Street and Route No. 111 or take any action thereon.

Action under this article recorded under article 33.

Art. 38. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at their meeting, March 30, 1941, whereby they voted to accept the provisions of Section 364, Chapter 560, of the Acts of 1907 relative to the election of a highway surveyor, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to hereafter elect a highway surveyor by ballot, as provided for in Chapter 41, Section 1, of the General Laws of 1921.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Voted: To adjourn.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting, December 29, 1941

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for General Government by borrowing under Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1938 or transfer from available funds.

Voted: Unanimously, that the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) be transferred from the Surplus Revenue for General Government in 1941.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Buildings and Grounds by borrowing under Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1938 or transfer from available funds.

Voted: Unanimously, that the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) be transferred from the Surplus Revenue for Buildings and Grounds in the year 1941.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Fire Department by borrowing under Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1938 or transfer from available funds.

Voted: Unanimously that the sum of three thousand seventy-five dollars (\$3075.00) be transferred from the Surplus Revenue for the use of the Fire Department. Three thousand dollars to be spent for fire hose in 1941 and 1942. Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for maintenance in the year 1941.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Forest Fires by borrowing under Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1938 or transfer from available funds.

Voted: Unanimously, that the sum of thirty-two and 15/100 dollars (\$32.15) be transferred from Surplus Revenue for Forest Fires in the year 1941.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the School Department by borrowing under Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1938 or transfer from available funds.

Voted: Unanimously, that the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) be transferred from Surplus Revenue for the use of the School Department in the year 1941.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Soldiers' Relief by borrowing under Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1938 or transfer from available funds.

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Acton Committee on Public Safety by borrowing under Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941 or transfer from available funds.

Voted: Unanimously, that the sum of forty-three hundred fifty dollars (\$4350.00) be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account for the Committee on Public Safety; thirteen hundred fifty dollars for immediate expenses to be set up as follows:

State Guard Reserve Equipment	\$675.00
First Aid Station Equipment	475.00
Air Raid Warden's First Aid Kits	50.00
First Aid Station Extra Equipment	50.00
Defense Headquarters	100.00

and three thousand dollars (\$3000.00) for reserve in case of emergency to be used in 1941 and 1942.

On Motion, Voted to adjourn.

Town Clerk's Report

Births

Whole number recorded			59
Born in Acton	4	Native parentage	50
Males	31	Foreign parentage	1
Females	28	Mixed parentage	8

Marriages

Whole number recorded			44
Residents of Acton	46	Residents of other places	42

Deaths

Whole number recorded			39
Residents of Acton	36	Residents of other places	3
Occurring in Acton	26	Occurring in other places	13

Average Age in Years, 66+

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

Births Registered in 1941

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
July 4	Boston	Barss, Peter	Ville and Elinor C. McCabe
Apr. 20	Concord	Bean, Cynthia Ann	Forrest E., Jr., and Frances E. Balsor
Oct. 25	Concord	Conquest, Robert Chester	Arthur J. and Emily Soubosky
Nov. 11	Lowell	Cornwall, Judith Andrea	Paul C. and Adelaide Garthe
Dec. 12	Concord	Cross, Deborah May	Ernest E. and Cynthia K. Roberts
Jan. 15	Concord	Conquest, Earl Erwin	Thomas R. and Hilda Murphy
June 9	Concord	Cram, Ralph Adams, 2nd	Ralph W. and Ann F. Heath
May 29	Acton	Davidson, Harold Alfred, Jr.	Harold A. and Grace Frye
July 28	Concord	Davis, Galen Michael	Warren J. and Florence M. Phalon
Sept. 23	Concord	Davis, Lee Edward	Warren L. and Ethel A. Fitzgerald
Aug. 20	Concord	Davis, Roberta	Irving W. and Rose I. Best
Dec. 3	Boston	Deering, Ronald Joseph	Joseph L. and Esther E. Gates
Oct. 25	Concord	Dubee, Barbara Ann	James E. and Mary Turner
May 10	Concord	Durkee, Sheila White	Sidney P. and Agnes E. Butler
Mar. 4	Concord	Enneguess, Arleen Elizabeth	John T. H. and Mary G. Ployart
Nov. 12	Concord	Eriksen, Roger Bradford	George A. and June Pettingell
Nov. 12	Concord	Eriksen, Sandra	George A. and June Pettingell
Mar. 30	Concord	Freeman, Carl Arthur, Jr.	Carl A. and Mary E. Butler
Feb. 5	Acton	Goodearl, Muriel Alice	Robert F. and Alice Mitchell
Nov. 3	Concord	Gravlin, Herbert Little	Edmond C. and Mildred Little
Aug. 23	Arlington	Hall, Lois Anne	Arthur L. and Ruthe E. Westby

Births Registered in 1941—Continued

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
Dec. 8	Concord	Hammond, Richard Dennis	Irving W. and Patricia M. Sherry
Dec. 12	Concord	Harris, David Alfred	Frederick A. and Leota P. Baker
Sept. 26	Concord	Hendrickson, Marilyn Ruth	George A. and Mildred G. Christianson
Feb. 10	Concord	Hill, Janet Dawn	Elmer E. and Evelyn R. Spinney
Feb. 10	Concord	Hill, Janice Donna	Elmer E. and Evelyn R. Spinney
Dec. 2	Acton	Howe, Arlene Elizabeth	James S. and Arlene Stuart
May 4	Concord	Hunnewell, William Howard	Charles W. and Shirley Goodrich
Jan. 21	Concord	Laffin, Curtis Allan	Fraser D. and Eleanor Morison
Aug. 16	Concord	Larsen, Judith Ann	Leslie and Margaret Hansen
Feb. 15	Concord	Liebfried, Lorna Louise	George F. and Helen I. Knowlton
Aug. 1	Concord	Livermore, Roland John	Roland O. and Frances Yarnell
July 4	Concord	MacPhee, Donald Robert	Kenneth D. and Mary L. Aldred
Nov. 21	Concord	McNiff, William Ernest	John T. and Ruth L. Teele
Feb. 25	Fitchburg	Meldrum, Joyce Elizabeth	John and Enid Clarey
May 10	Concord	Meldrum, Marcia	Thomas H. and Sylvia I. Oinonen
Mar. 29	Concord	Morehead, Rhoda Ann	Kenneth B. and Lucy E. Bean
June 21	Concord	Nelson, Cynthia Ann	Emery D. and Margaret J. Christofferson
Oct. 18	Boston	Newman, Charlene Ann	Churchill A. and Phyllis Raymond
Sept. 9	Concord	Nicholson, Paula Lee	Russell G. and Olive Milbery
July 2	Concord	O'Neil, Charles Francis	Walter L. and Ruth C. Blanchard
Jan. 9	Concord	Pederson, Roger Alan	Alan and Esther M. Graf

Jan. 1	Concord	Pereira, Louise Leite	Manuel L. and Virginia DeSouza
Aug. 18	Concord	Perkins, Norman Levi	Norman L. and Francis Matthews
Sept. 14	Concord	Perry, George	Joseph G. and Esther F. Jollymore
Mar. 26	Worcester	Pickard, James Everard	Cyrus W. and Margaret L. Bates
Oct. 27	Clinton	Scesney, Thomas Francis	Walter and Mildred J. O'Malley
Dec. 4	Arlington	Schwab, George Joseph, 3rd	George J., Jr., and Verna E. Taylor
Jan. 14	Concord	Shipp, George Frederick	Frederick E. and Genevieve D. Hjelm
Mar. 20	Concord	Soar, Robert Bernard	William H. and Doris F. Graves
Jan. 19	Somerville	Steeves, Bruce William	Earl C. and Ruth E. Phillips
Sept. 8	Concord	Thompson, Betsy Ann	Fred B. and Helen E. Martinson
Aug. 1	Concord	Toohy, William Joseph, Jr.	William J. and Mary Parker
Mar. 5	Waltham	Vaccarello, Janet Lillian	Vincent G. and Lillian J. Hansen
Sept. 17	Concord	Welsh, Francis Barry	James M. and Thelma Clark
Feb. 28	Concord	Woodworth, Judith Satterthwaite	John W. and Gene Atwood
Feb. 28	Concord	Woodworth, Jean Atwood	John W. and Gene Atwood
1940			
Dec. 24	Acton	Coughlin, James Patrick	John F. and Annie M. Foley
Aug. 15	Concord	Pederson, Nancy Anne	John, Jr., and Anne C. Larsen

Marriages Registered in 1941

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Sept. 27	W. Concord	Aldred, Earl R.	S. Acton
		Davis, Dorothy W.	Malden
Sept. 14	W. Concord	Anderson, Edwin	S. Acton
		LaBounty, Mary Melvina	Concord
June 28	Concord	Andersen, George	S. Acton
		Hansen, Ruth Elene Kirstine	W. Concord
May 17	Maynard	Bianchi, Nerio	Hudson
		Schofield, Eva	S. Acton
July 20	W. Acton	Byron, Edward James	Concord
		McGuire, Mary Frances	S. Acton
Feb. 8	Maynard	Dubee, James E.	W. Acton
		Conquest, Mary E. Lucas	W. Acton
Oct. 13	Acton	Dyer, Lawrence	N. Montpelier, Vt.
		Foisia, Gladys	N. Montpelier, Vt.
Aug. 15	W. Concord	Espie, James Eugene, Jr.	S. Acton
		Crocker, Lucy Jean	W. Concord
July 13	Maynard	Fullonton, Malcolm Earl	S. Acton
		Tervo, Meimi K.	Maynard
Sept. 1	Maynard	Foster, Albert E.	Maynard
		McLaughlin, Ruth E.	S. Acton

June 21	Sudbury	Frazier, Robert A. Morrison, Shirley Anne	Acton Sudbury
July 6	Acton	Gray, Charles Elijah Woolard, Gwendolyn Electa	Acton Acton
Aug. 15	S. Acton	Hartwell, Oliver W., Jr. Smart, M. Frances	S. Acton S. Acton
Dec. 20	Acton	Heyliger, Frederick T. Davis, Evelyn	Concord Acton
Oct. 24	Maynard	Hollowell, Norman E. DeSousa, Margraetta Lawrence	N. Acton W. Acton
Aug. 30	Acton	Horton, Leon T. Dumont, Delia J.	Dighton Attleboro
May 11	BillERICA	Johnson, Stillman Edwin Thoresen, Thelma Eudora	Acton W. Concord
April 27	Athol	Johnson, William Alden Gray, Maxine	W. Acton Athol
Jan. 25	Maynard	Kuleisus, Joseph Scacciotti, Josephine	S. Acton Maynard
Nov. 29	Bridgewater	Lindblom, John Herbert Hanson, Arlene Elizabeth	Norwood S. Acton
Oct. 25	Acton	Lowe, Elmer Boynton Freeman, Edna Martha Virginia	Lexington S. Acton
June 28	Acton	MacRae, Austin D. Laird, Marion E.	Concord S. Acton

Marriages Registered in 1941—Continued

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Aug. 23	W. Concord	MacWilliams, Charles Waldo	Concord
		Massie, Florence Eleanor	S. Acton
April 20	Newton	Mauro, Dominick	Acton
		Lechiaro, Camella	Newton
Dec. 25	Maynard	McNiff, Edmond J.	W. Acton
		Schnair, Helen Catherine	Maynard
Dec. 4	Acton	Morehouse, Daniel Jesse	Taunton
		Horton, Nancy Emma	Dighton
April 5	Acton	Munroe, Richard Griggs	Waltham
		Taylor, Marguerite Hannum	Acton
Dec. 22	Maynard	Parmenter, Daniel L.	Maynard
		Fletcher, Susan	S. Acton
June 22	S. Acton	Powderly, Richard D.	Bedford
		Dunivan, Rita Belle	S. Acton
June 6	Ashland	Perkins, LaForest W.	Acton
		Walkup, Marjory E.	Ashland
Sept. 9	Maynard	Petersen, Robert Newell	W. Acton
		MacDougall, Kathryn Louise	W. Acton
May 11	Townsend	Reynolds, Lyle Burton	S. Acton
		Wright, Avis Lucille	Townsend

June 20	Acton	Reynolds, Arthur William Creeley, Helen Caroline	Northeast Harbor, Me. W. Acton
Aug. 16	Acton	Robinson, Alfred D. Keith, Marjorie P.	Boxborough Boxborough
Nov. 9	Maynard	Roche, Francis David Kane, Priscilla Elizabeth	S. Acton Maynard
July 11	Fitchburg	Roche, Leo Thomas Petersen, Esther Marie	S. Acton E. Acton
Sept. 20	N. Chelmsford	Rondeau, Alexander Peterson, Doris E.	Chelmsford Acton
May 2	S. Acton	Ryan, George Edward Caldwell, Joyce Jeanette	Maynard S. Acton
Aug. 3	Acton	Smethurst, Gilbert James Krill, Mary Helen	W. Acton W. Acton
Sept. 21	W. Acton	Spinney, Ralph Edward Ward, Mary Frances	S. Acton S. Acton
Dec. 31	Maynard	Thane, George V. French, Margery L.	Maynard W. Acton
Mar. 29	Acton	Thompson, Clifford D. Marshall, Margaret E.	Southwick Southwick
April 19	Maynard	Tompkins, Ruoff A. Tobin, Irene Marie	Acton Maynard
Aug. 27	S. Acton	Wollen, John B. Costes, Demetra	Nashua, N. H. Nashua, N. H.

Deaths Registered in 1941

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
Nov. 17	Allard, Marie	82	7	3
June 28	Berry, Charles Porter	82	8	19
Nov. 2	Best, Harriet K. (Pike)	82		
July 29	Cahill, Eden W.	43		21
May 5	Caldwell, Sarah A. (Comery)	71	2	18
Dec. 4	Cameron, Christine H.	75		
Aug. 3	Craig, David Anthony	4	8	8
May 11	Curran, John Angus	41	9	7
Nov. 13	Davis, Lucy Catherine	96	2	
Sept. 28	DeSouza, Joseph J.	69	8	8
April 24	Dingee, John S. C.	66	10	14
Jan. 26	Evans, Ida Charlotte	71	6	8
Mar. 20	Fisher, Charles W.	65	9	25
Mar. 20	Gardiner, Horace A.	68	11	17
Aug. 27	Hall, Isabelle H.	72	2	2
Jan. 10	Heath, Mary Ann	69		
Jan. 20	Hall, Walter F.	53	8	14
Jan. 23	Law, Edith B.	69		
June 24	Leavitt, Lizzie A. (Stevens)	83	5	11
Feb. 25	Livermore, Elliot P.	74		
June 10	MacKenzie, Ellen Flynn	78	2	19
July 9	McDonald, Frederick W.	73	8	11
Sept. 10	Mead, Albertie M.	71		6
Feb. 25	Meldrum, Enid H.	23	4	9
June 18	Morrissey, Clarence James	64		
Oct. 4	Newell, Dorothy (Calley)	43	5	5
May 28	Olsen, Simon	65	5	9
Feb. 3	Petrakuk, Joseph	46		
Jan. 21	Pierce, Isabel Florence	56	7	2
May 4	Pinolehto, John M.	65	8	
Dec. 30	Rogers, Frank Seymour	74	9	16
May 1	Seppala, Anne M.	68	4	21
Oct. 24	Stearns, Clifton Sawyer	68	6	21
Jan. 4	Taylor, Adelaide Tuttle	84	10	28
Nov. 17	Taylor, Mary (Hogan)	83	8	
Feb. 13	Turner, Clara M.	88		29
Mar. 20	Tuttle, Carrie E. (Taylor)	65	11	18
June 8	Tuttle, Edith G.	75	1	23

Non-Resident Burials in 1941

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Age Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Place of Burial</i>
Jan. 3	Allen, Alice M.	67	..	..	Waltham	Mt. Hope
Oct. 7	Brown, Ida M.	66	10	26	Boston	Woodlawn
Nov. 6	Cash, Grace D.	74	..	..	Orlando, Fla.	Woodlawn
1940						
Sept. 14	Chickering, Ernestine	59	..	10	Brockton	Mt. Hope
Feb. 21	Drew, Arthur	62	2	16	Detroit, Mich.	Mt. Hope
1939						
April 9	Hall, Angelina H.	78	6	23	Rochester, N. Y.	Mt. Hope
Feb. 23	Jones, Daniel E.	69	10	24	Waltham	Woodlawn
Nov. 28	Livermore, Jesse L.	63	4	..	New York City	Woodlawn
1940						
Mar. 29	Lothrop, Henry O.	52	8	5	Boston	Woodlawn
Jan. 18	MacCharles, Donald	83	4	26	Hartford, Conn.	Mt. Hope
April 13	Maynes, Robert C.	62	8	12	Chelsea	Woodlawn

Non-Resident Burials in 1941—Continued

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Age Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Place of Burial</i>
Oct. 25	Nicola, Harold G.	14	4	8	Canna, N. Y.	Mt. Hope
July 5	Perkins, Cyrus L.	71	9	10	Natick	Mt. Hope
Mar. 18	Peterson, John	70	9	4	Nashua, N. H.	Mt. Hope
Jan. 3	Pickard, Mary Emma	72	6	23	West Concord	Woodlawn
Jan. 3	Richardson, Willaim F.	82	2	25	Framingham	Woodlawn
May 2	Sawyer, Barbara A.	6	3	19	Newton	Mt. Hope
Jan. 14	Symonds, Esteane D.	56	4	15	Dover, N. J.	Woodlawn
Nov. 28	Tuttle, Lilla M.	71			Chelsea	Woodlawn
Oct. 8	Tuttle, Mary C.	82	8	27	Concord	Woodlawn
Oct. 8	Tuttle, Mary S.	86	10	29	Concord	Woodlawn
Dec. 22	Wheeler, Catherine E.	55	5	8	Waltham	Woodlawn
June 14	Willard, Almira M.	98	2		Westport	Mt. Hope
May 13	White, Ezra F.	63	5	27	Roxbury	Woodlawn
Aug. 8	Wilson, Gordon	72	2	24	Concord	Woodlawn

List of Persons Having Dogs Licensed in 1941

Addy, Mrs. Winthrop	\$2.00	Chaffin, Nancy S.	2.00
Allen, W. Stuart	2.00	Chamberlain, Henry F.	7.00
Allen, H. Vaughn	2.00	Charles, Will A.	2.00
Anderson, Hilda	5.00	Clark, O. Lawrence	2.00
Avery, Lee	2.00	Cloutier, Joseph	2.00
Baker, James W.	7.00	Conant, Charlotte	2.00
Balsor, Vesta L.	2.00	Connolly, James H.	2.00
Bancroft, Clesson A.	5.00	Conquest, Arlene and	
Barr, Robert	2.00	Gladys	2.00
Barry, David A.	2.00	Conquest, Arthur	2.00
Bean, Mrs. Forrest	5.00	Conquest, Thomas	2.00
Bean, Priscilla	5.00	Cornwall, Paul	2.00
Beach, Flora A.	2.00	Costello, Edwin	2.00
Benere, Antonia	2.00	Costello, Timothy	2.00
Bennett, Herbert W.	2.00	Coughlin, Mary	2.00
Best, Helen R.	5.00	Cram, Lois M.	2.00
Billings, Howard J.	2.00	Creeley, Mrs. Genevieve	2.00
Bird, Fred	2.00	Crosby, William C.	5.00
Blanchard, Hazel G.	2.00	Cullinane, C. C.	2.00
Boatman, Dewey E.	2.00	Curtis, Clinton S.	4.00
Bowen, Robert M.	4.00	Davis, Charles E.	2.00
Bowman, Herbert E.	2.00	Davis, Edith V.	25.00
Bradley, John J.	5.00	Davis, Wendell F.	4.00
Bradley, William	2.00	Derby, Benjamin	2.00
Braman, Frank S.	12.00	DeSouza, Joseph	2.00
Briggs, Curtis	2.00	DiDuca, Vincent	2.00
Brown, Arthur P.	2.00	Dingee, Alton	2.00
Bursaw, Pauline	2.00	Drury, William C.	4.00
Byers, John B.	2.00	Duggan, Elizabeth A.	2.00
Cahill, William	2.00	Duggan, John J.	2.00
Caldwell, Hazel	2.00	Durkee, Albert W.	2.00
Campbell, L. H.	2.00	Emerson, William I.	2.00
Carlson, Christian	2.00	Engman, J. Henry	2.00

Enneguess, John	2.00	Hayes, Fred C.	2.00
Erickson, George	4.00	Hayes, Marion F.	2.00
Espie, James E.	2.00	Haynes, Henry L.	2.00
Farley, Charles J.	14.00	Hayward, Lucille	2.00
Farrar, James	5.00	High, W. J.	2.00
Farquhar, Stuart	5.00	Holland, Hope C.	2.00
Feltus, Carrol	2.00	Holden, Grace B.	2.00
Fisher, Edith	2.00	Hopkins, Frederick	9.00
Flagg, Alden C.	2.00	Hollowell, Norman	5.00
Flagg, Alden C., Jr.	2.00	Howe, Chellis F.	2.00
Fletcher, John L.	2.00	Hunnewell, Charles W.	2.00
Flint, Carl	2.00	Hutchinson, John W.	10.00
Flint, Marjorie S.	5.00	Ineson, Benjamin I.	2.00
Flerra, Louis	2.00	Jack, William M.	2.00
Forbes, Edward L.	4.00	Jalonen, Arthur	4.00
Freeman, George	2.00	Jenks, Albert R.	2.00
Freeman, Harold R.	2.00	Johnson, Mrs. A. E.	2.00
Freeman, William H.	2.00	Jones, Blanche	5.00
Fullonton, Llewellyn	2.00	Jones, Karl R.	2.00
Fullonton, Malcolm	2.00	Jones, Howard L.	2.00
Fraser, Arthur	50.00	Jules, Alfred V.	2.00
Frazier, Bernice	2.00	Jung, Herbert	2.00
Gallagher, Margaret	2.00	Kansanniva, K.	2.00
Gallant, Mildred	2.00	Kazohas, C.	2.00
Gatchell, Herman H.	2.00	Kennie, Lloyd	2.00
Gates, Paul	2.00	Kelley, Chester E.	2.00
Gibbs, Harry F.	5.00	Kilmartin, Flora G.	7.00
Gleason, Mrs. Jennie	2.00	Kimball, Elnathan J.	4.00
Godfrey, Carl R.	2.00	King, Benjamin A.	2.00
Goward, Hannah C.	5.00	King, William E.	2.00
Gowen, Elmer F.	2.00	Kunelius, Arthur	7.00
Gravelin, A. C.	2.00	LaRoche, Arthur	2.00
Gray, Charles E.	10.00	Leusher, Herbert L.	2.00
Hall, Charlotte D.	2.00	Libbey, Richard H.	2.00
Hall, Mrs. E. A.	2.00	Liebfried, Charles H.	2.00
Hall, Robert C.	2.00	Liebfried, George F.	5.00
Harris, Hattie B.	5.00	Litchard, Donald B.	2.00
Harvey, W. Burton	2.00	Littlefield, Ralph F.	2.00
Hatch, Raymond L.	2.00	Livermore, Pearl R.	2.00

Livermore, Roland	10.00	Nicola, Harold	2.00
Lockwood, Ralph H.	2.00	Niles, V. R.	2.00
Lothrop, Mary H.	5.00	Nugent, Joseph	2.00
Lowden, Richard A.	2.00	Oliver, Hazel W.	2.00
MacKinnon, F. Roy	2.00	Onslow, John	2.00
Mahoney, James	4.00	Parks, Milton G.	2.00
Manter, C. D.	2.00	Parsons, Mrs. Elsie	2.00
Marsh, A. W.	2.00	Parsons, Mrs. Norman	2.00
Marshall, W. Lawrence, Jr.	7.00	Pederson, Ingeborg	4.00
Mason, Roger	2.00	Pendergast, Edward L.	2.00
Massie, William A.	2.00	Penney, David F.	4.00
Maynes, Everett M.	2.00	Penney, Marie	5.00
McCabe, Richard S.	2.00	Perkins, A. Hazeltine	2.00
McCarthy, Leo	2.00	Perkins, Edgar A.	2.00
McClure, Jennie	4.00	Perkins, LaForrest	2.00
McGreen, Sherman	2.00	Perry, Tony	2.00
McKelvie, Arthur	5.00	Peterson, Ruth	2.00
Mead, Francis V.	2.00	Peterson, Edwin	2.00
Mead, Hobart	2.00	Peetingell, J. M.	2.00
Mel, Eleanor	2.00	Pickard, Cyrus W.	2.00
Merry, Frances	2.00	Piper, Elliott	4.00
Milbery, Virginia	2.00	Prindle, Anne	2.00
Miller, Orson K.	5.00	Pratt, Herbert T.	2.00
Mills, Myra Zeta	2.00	Prowse, Walter L.	2.00
Montague, Everett N.	2.00	Putnam, F. Wendell	2.00
Moody, Allan G.	2.00	Quinn, Leo F.	2.00
Moore, Mildred Pope	4.00	Raymond, Barbara	5.00
Morehead, Lucy	2.00	Raymond, George J.	2.00
Murgatroyd, James	5.00	Reed, Margaret	2.00
Murphy, John E.	5.00	Reed, Willis	2.00
Murray, Margaret	2.00	Reynolds, Arthur	5.00
Mullen, James J.	2.00	Roche, Frank	2.00
Nealey, Mrs. Edward	2.00	Roche, Lawrence C.	2.00
Nelson, Emery	2.00	Rhodes, Robert F.	2.00
Nelson, Arthur W.	2.00	Richards, Fred	2.00
Nichols, Orla	2.00	Rifford, Jeannette	2.00
Nicholson, Russell	2.00	Roe, George	2.00
Nickerson, Albert M.	2.00	Robbins, Ethel C.	2.00
		Robbins, Walter A.	2.00

Rugg, George	2.00	Tolman, Wilbur J.	5.00
Saarinen, Hugo	5.00	Tompkins, Elizabeth	5.00
Scanlon, Ruth H.	2.00	Towne, Roger P.	2.00
Schofield, Clifford A.	2.00	Tracy, Alfred H.	2.00
Shapley, Eva C.	2.00	Tuttle, Osgood	5.00
Sibel, J. E.	2.00	Tuttle, Pauline G.	2.00
Simeone, Frank	2.00	Veasie, Stanley R.	2.00
Simeone, Modesto	2.00	Wait, Albert F.	2.00
Smith, Ralph I.	2.00	Walker, W. Gardner	2.00
Soar, Henry	2.00	Walsh, Michael J.	2.00
Staples, Howard R.	2.00	Waluk, John	2.00
Stiles, Gertrude	2.00	Ward, Francis	2.00
Stevens, John N., Jr.	2.00	Watkins, John	2.00
Stevens, Walter B.	2.00	Wayne, Burton H.	2.00
Stoney, Mrs. R.	4.00	Wells, Carrie F.	2.00
Stuart, Leslie E.	2.00	Welsh, James	2.00
Sweet, Charles R.	2.00	White, George	2.00
Taylor, Charles P.	2.00	Whitcomb, R. S.	2.00
Taylor, Lillian L.	2.00	Whouley, Francis	2.00
Taylor, Simon D.	2.00	Willett, Fred W.	2.00
Tervo, Albert	4.00	Wilson, Arnold	2.00
Thompson, Harold C.	2.00	Wise, Glenna	2.00
Todd, Ethel	12.00	Wood, Olivia	2.00

256 licenses at \$2.00 \$512.00

44 licenses at 5.00 220.00

1 license at 25.00 25.00

1 license at 50.00 50.00

 \$807.00

Deduct fees 302 licenses at 20 cents 60.40

Paid to Town Treasurer \$746.60

NOTICE

All licenses expire March 31.

Dogs must be licensed on or before April 1, or the owners or keepers thereof are liable to a fine.

The law applies to all dogs three months old or over, regardless of time of year ownership is acquired.

No tax bills are sent to owners of dogs.

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

Jury List Revised — 1941

Precinct 1

Roy S. Whitcomb, Cen. Main St.
Robert C. Hall, Cen. Main St.
George E. Murphy, Great Rd.
W. Burton Harvey, Woodbury Lane
Norman E. Livermore, Cen. Main St.
Charles H. Liebfried, Maple Ave.
Kenneth E. Jewell, Woodbury Lane
Iner Peterson, Maple Ave.
Clarence A. Frost, Newtown Rd.

Precinct 2

Arthur Fraser, Massachusetts Ave.
Hugh C. Hodgen, Liberty St.
George K. Hayward, Main St.
Wesley P. Wilmot, Liberty St.
Richard Lowden, Main St.
James J. Knight, School St.
David Clayton, Main St.
Timothy J. Hennessey, Prospect St.
Ralph W. Piper, Piper Rd.

Precinct 3

Porter G. Jenks, Central St.
Charles A. Byron, Arlington St.
Everett B. Coolidge, Windsor Ave.
Orla E. Nichols, Kinsley Rd.
James B. Wilson, Arlington St.
Allan C. Cameron, School St.
Waldo J. Flint, Church St.
Louis A. Flerra, Central St.
Warren L. Davis, Massachusetts Ave.

Report on the Assignment of Street Numbers

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This is the initial report of the committee which was appointed during the latter part of 1941 to proceed with the duty of assigning street numbers within the town. The work of installing directional and street signs was authorized at the annual town meeting, under articles 33 and 37 which were amended to include the assignment of numbers.

Despite the almost universal extent to which streets are numbered in most communities, no prepared information has yet been found to indicate how other towns or cities have approached their own individual numbering problems. It is evident that in newer cities, where all streets have been laid out at right angles, a uniform method of numbering can easily be adopted, but in older communities the problem is much more complex.

The more common methods which have been followed have been to number streets from points of the compass, from a principal center, or from main highways within the community. In Acton, however, where there is little uniformity in the relationship of streets, an acceptable method is subject to local conditions, and no single one of these methods would be satisfactory.

It appears from our study that a combination of all these methods may have to be applied to our problem if streets are to be numbered in a manner which follows some logical pattern. The primary objectives of placing numbers on buildings are to facilitate merchandise deliveries, aid visitors, and simplify location records, and the method or pattern to be followed must be as consistent as possible with these objectives.

The plan which may be finally adopted will take into consideration the fact that the state highways passing through the town represent logical base lines from which to number most of the other streets. Great Road (Route 2), and Massachusetts Avenue (Route 111), as well as the proposed new state highway, follow generally a direction from east to west and would therefore be numbered with numbers ascending from the Concord line. Main Street (Route 27), which runs from south to north, would be numbered starting from the Maynard line.

It is expected that lateral roads which originate at these state highways will be numbered from these points of origin. In some instances there are streets which run between two of these main highways, and such streets would ordinarily be numbered from east to west, or from south to north in conformity with the rule to be followed in numbering main state highways. Numbered in a similar manner would be roads which cross state highways as well as those streets which do not intersect at any location. Because of its special geographical relationship to the entire town, Main Street will be used as the control line from which to number streets, when the general rules do not appear to be applicable.

Second to the problem of determining the directions in which numbers should run, has been that of deciding the proper distance between numbers. A distance of one hundred and ten (110) feet between numbers has been tentatively adopted, not only because it represents a reasonably common frontage for a lot, but especially because it constitutes a distance which can be visually shown on the largest maps of the town which are available and practical for use.

In the more congested areas, numbers will be assigned to each building or vacant lot where the distances are less than one hundred and ten feet, and in the sparsely settled areas, distances in excess of one hundred and ten feet may be desirable. As communities grow and portions change in character, it frequently becomes necessary to entirely renumber all streets. This may constitute an expensive procedure, and your committee has attempted to anticipate conditions in so far as

possible and make such a renumbering either remote or entirely unnecessary.

The actual work of assigning specific numbers to specific locations is the next step which is to be undertaken in our work. It will necessarily be accomplished at moderate speed due to the fact that the work must be performed by the individual committee members in their available time.

It is the desire of the committee to complete this work without expense to the town, and so far, all expenses, including the preparation of a large detail map of Acton, have been absorbed privately. Upon completion of the numbering, it is planned to have this map mounted and placed in a convenient location for public use.

Inasmuch as this entire endeavor is for the convenience and benefit of the citizens, the committee will welcome at all times suggestions for improving the standard of its efforts.

EDWARD J. BURSAW
WEBSTER S. BLANCHARD
CLARE A. MILBERY
CLARA L. SAWYER
HARLAN E. TUTTLE
JOHN M. WHITTIER, Chairman

January 28, 1942

High School Addition Building Committee

To the Voters of Acton:

As chairman of the High School Addition Building Committee, I herewith submit the following report.

At the first meeting of the committee on March 19, 1941, it was decided that the Special Committee and the School Committee should organize and work as one committee, to be known as the High School Addition Building Committee.

When detailed plans and specifications were completed by the architect, Charles H. Way of Boston, they were submitted to eight carefully selected contractors for bids. The contract was awarded to Byron L. Moore of Framingham, who was the lowest bidder with a price of \$16,768.00 for the complete construction of the addition. A bond was placed on Mr. Moore which guaranteed the completion of the addition according to the plans and specifications at the amount of the contract.

In spite of the fact that it became increasingly difficult to obtain labor and materials with prices rapidly rising, good workmanship was maintained and the quality of materials was not cheapened throughout the entire period of construction. The addition was completed and equipped in time for the opening of school.

Notwithstanding the prevalent unsettled industrial conditions, the committee is glad to report that they were able to carry through this construction as originally specified without asking the taxpayers for an additional appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. HALL,
Chairman.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners For the Year 1941

We have endeavored another year to maintain the high standard of the past in the care of our cemeteries. The special appropriation of \$300.00 made last year for trimming the large trees damaged by the hurricane has been completed and the amount expended as follows:

Woodlawn Cemetery	\$150.00	
Mt. Hope Cemetery	147.63	\$297.63
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		\$2.37

In Mt. Hope Cemetery two new sections have been improved and laid out into lots, and several beds of shrubbery have been set out in different parts of the cemetery. Also several young maple and linden trees have been set out to replace those trees damaged or removed.

In Woodlawn Cemetery two new sections have been graded and made suitable for lots. Also beds have been prepared for future planting in these sections. Several elm trees have been planted on each side of the main entrance to the Memorial Chapel.

Owing to the smaller dividends received from invested funds the income from perpetual care funds has been substantially reduced and in order to continue the care we have been giving we shall be obliged to depend more on our town appropriation.

The account of the town treasurer shows that during the past year the cemetery department has received and paid into the treasury \$1559.63, itemized as follows:—

Sale of lots and graves	\$167.80	
Lowering device	57.00	
Annual care of lots	695.25	
Interments	416.00	
Foundation	224.38	\$1,559.63
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We ask that these receipts may be considered in making your appropriation for the current year.

We recommend an appropriation for the care of cemeteries of \$2800.00.

An itemized account of the expenditures for the care of the cemeteries will be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

We have prepared a schedule of receipts and expenditures on account of each lot in perpetual care, in books kept for that purpose, which may be examined by persons interested.

HARRY E. HOLT,
WENDELL F. DAVIS,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Cemetery Commissioners.

Report of Superintendent of Moth Control Work

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1941.

An appropriation of \$1200 was made for this work last year.

The cost of spraying material was about \$335. The labor and running expense of the sprayer and truck was about \$700. This included one spray throughout the town, a second spray in the badly infested sections, also a third spray for the elm leaf beetle.

The balance of the appropriation was used for creosoting gypsy moth egg clusters along the highways and for other necessary work as directed by the state.

During 1941, the elm leaf beetle was very bad in many sections.

An appropriation of \$1200 is recommended for moth control and an appropriation of \$300 for elm leaf beetle control for 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. KNIGHT,

Moth Superintendent

Report of Tree Warden

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1941.

An appropriation of \$1,000 was made for this work last year. This money was used for the feeding of 121 trees and for the replacement of 50 trees, also for emergency work such as removing broken and dangerous limbs from trees, bolting, cavity work and removing trees.

Our trees need a great deal of care this year to save them. More trees should be planted.

I therefore recommend that an appropriation of \$1500 be made for the trimming, bolting, cavity work, removing and the feeding and replacing of trees.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. KNIGHT,
Tree Warden

Report of the Superintendent of Streets

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the activities of the Highway Department for the year ending December 31, 1941.

The condition of our roads is good and much work to improve our roads was accomplished this year. Continuing a project started on Nagog Hill Road several years ago a section starting at Raymond Durkee's and ending at Hammond Street was widened, large quantities of ledge removed by blasting, gravel placed over the whole distance and surface treated. In conjunction with our defense industries need for access roads, Concord Street was widened, graveled over that section that was not graveled last year and an initial surface treatment applied on the entire distance from Parker Street to the American Cyanimid & Chemical Corporation's siding. Hayward Road was greatly improved by widening, grading, installing two new culverts and surface treating the entire distance that was formerly in gravel. Charter Road was widened by grading and removal of much ledge and boulders from the right of way. Gravel was placed on about a thousand feet and it was surfaced from the High School to the intersection of Hayward Road. Conant Street was graded and initial surface treatment applied to finish the entire street and bring it into very good condition. Nashoba Road which was unfinished last year was graded, rolled and surfaced from Central Street to the Jenks' Farm. Carlisle Road had three-tenths of a mile graded, rolled and newly surface treated.

The above work was done under Chapter 81 and many miles of other roads in town were scraped, graded, surface treated and had brush cut on them.

The following streets were treated with peastone on asphalt; Arlington Street, Concord Street, Central Street, Newton Road, School Street (South), Summer Street and Willow Street.

On Chapter 90 Construction 1600 feet of macadam road was built in North Acton on Main Street.

The bridge over the Marlboro Branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad was rebuilt by the railroad and replanked by the town. In an attempt to lengthen the life of the planking an inch and a half of bituminous concrete was applied and looks as though it might do the trick.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. KAZOKAS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Report of Town Forest Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Acton Town Forest Committee herewith submits the following report for the year 1941:

With no funds at our disposal, we have been unable to make improvement thinnings in our present forest or to purchase additional land.

We have applied to the State Division of Forestry for advice and a management plan, which they will prepare for us free of charge.

Five additional communities in Massachusetts started Town Forests this season and many others materially increased their acreage so that the total acreage in Town Forests is now 37,430.

We earnestly urge interested citizens to donate cut over land or parcels of woodland to the Town so that we may increase our area. They can be made profitable to the town, serve as recreational centers, and bird sanctuaries. A gift of a sizable tract could be handled as a Memorial.

ALBERT R. JENKS
CLARENCE FROST
JAMES J. KNIGHT

Assessors' Report — 1941

Tax assessed as follows:

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$2,526,850.00	
Land	631,280.00	
Personal	402,850.00	
		<hr/> \$3,560,980.00
Valuation January 1, 1940		3,529,540.00
Increase in valuation		31,440.00
Rate of Taxation, \$28.40		
Real Estate	\$89,690.90	
Personal Estate	11,441.00	
Polls	1,846.00	
		<hr/> \$102,977.90

Amount of money raised:

State Tax	\$10,230.00	
County Tax	5,854.53	
State Parks Tax	149.89	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	944.26	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	684.82	
Repair and Reconstruction of Bridges	306.42	
Town Grant	81,137.95	
Overlay	3,670.03	
		<hr/> \$102,977.90

Added Assessments:

Polls	44.00
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Excise:

Number of Vehicles Assessed, 1,403	
Total Value of Motor Vehicles	\$325,580.00
Rate of Taxation, \$36.80	
Total Excise Tax	\$10,104.28

ALBERT P. DURKEE
HENRY L. HAYNES
CARL FLINT

Board of Assessors

Report of Trustees of Goodnow Fund

For the Year Ending December 31, 1941

Investments

Warren Institution for Savings	\$1,465.54	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank ..	1,000.00	
City Institution for Savings	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,465.54

Receipts

Warren Institution for Savings	29.46	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank ..	20.00	
City Institution for Savings	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$69.46

Payments

Harlan E. Tuttle, treasurer of the Evan- gelical Church in Acton	\$49.46	
Town of Acton, care of lot in Woodlawn Cemetery	20.00	
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CHARLOTTE CONANT

CHARLES E. SMITH

HORACE F. TUTTLE

Trustees of Goodnow Fund

Report of the Work of the Middlesex County Extension Service in Acton for the Year 1941

The following is a report of some of the activities of the Middlesex County Extension Service in the town of Acton during the year 1941:

Acton continued to serve as the county center for poultry activities, with the County Poultry Association holding most of its meetings within the town. Porter G. Jenks, David F. Penney and Charles H. Liebfried have their dairy herds in the Herd Improvement Association. Porter Jenks is Vice-President of the Middlesex County Herd Health Association, an organization that is creating considerable interest in the state. Many farm visits were made to apple and vegetable growers, principally on the problems of insect and disease control. A twilight meeting was held at the orchard of Albert Jenks, with fifty in attendance.

Judges were furnished for the Acton Fair and speakers were furnished to various local organizations.

The Acton homemakers have participated in many of the county projects, including food preservation, food preparation, better lighting, chair reseating, making of slip covers and Christmas gifts.

During the year there have been nine clubs among the boys and girls, with a total enrollment of 138. Projects included were home furnishing, clothing, garden, craft, poultry and agriculture. The work was carried on under the chairmanship of Mrs. Warren Hartwell. Other members of the committee were Porter Jenks, Richard Greenman and Mrs. E. H. Hollowell. All of the town clubs participated in a large town Rally in February, held at the high school, with the drivers of the school busses kindly furnishing transportation.

Acton took a fine interest in the financing of Camp Middle-

sex and through various ways contributed \$95.60 toward the camp. Twenty boys and girls from the town attended this camp during the summer.

The Acton Garden Club awarded cash prizes to boys and girls with outstanding 4-H gardens, the following winning prizes: Dorothy Pendergast, Albert Durkee, Gerald Gowen, Kathleen Sweeney, Robert Frost, Orson Miller, William Tuttle, Kirk Quinn, Alfred Tracy, Louise Hurley, Mildred Hollowell and Joseph Sweeney.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures, for the year ending December 31, 1941. During the year 367 weighing and measuring devices were sealed, 16 not sealed, and 2 condemned.

The State Department of Standards again loaned a 100 gallon test tank for checking oil tank truck meter systems. Through the courtesy and generosity of Mr. William J. Gallagher of the East Acton Garage, this equipment was moved about for the convenience of your Sealer.

With the aid of State owned equipment, an accurate check was made on truck platform scales; all scales of this type are in excellent condition.

The usual fine cooperation of owners of weighing and measuring devices is appreciated.

Paid Town Treasurer	\$80.06
Sealing Fees Paid Town Treasurer	76.57
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Overpaid	\$3.49

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE A. MILBERRY,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1941.

Complete List of Arrests Made:

Drunkenness	10
Operating under influence of liquor	8
Manslaughter	1
Breaking and Entering	2
Larceny	3
Using a motor vehicle without authority	1
Non-Support	1
Soliciting alms in army uniform	1
Selling without a license	1
Soliciting alms on a highway	1
Going away after causing injury to property	1
Operating so as to endanger	3
Speeding	18
Law of the road	9
Operating without a license	12
Failure to slow at intersection	3
Operating after revocation of license	2
No license in possession	1
No registration in possession	1
Allowing an improper person to operate	1
Failing to stop at "Stop" sign	2
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle	1
Operating an uninsured motor vehicle	1
Operating without an inspection sticker	2
Impeded operation of a motor vehicle	1
Improper brakes	1
Unlawful sale of liquor	2
Keeping and Exposing liquor for sale	1
Gaming	1
Returned to the town in fines	\$425.60

Raids:

One warrant was issued for search of alcoholic beverages and gaming implements. Liquor and one slot machine was seized and forfeited.

Accidents:

Total number of accidents reported	38
Number of motorists injured	37
Number of pedestrians injured	3
Number of fatal accidents	1
Total number killed or injured	41

I am pleased to report that there were 29 less accidents and 26 less persons injured this year than in 1940 although the opening of Fort Devens caused a large increase in the number of cars passing through our town.

Civilian Defense:

Your Police Department has cooperated with the Committee on Public Safety and at the request of Chairman W. Burton Harvey organized an Auxiliary Police force of twenty men. These men have been appointed special police officers with power to arrest and will be furnished badges and other necessary equipment but will not be uniformed at the present time. These men will be called upon to help handle traffic during test raids and during any emergency, all motorists are asked to cooperate with us and obey their orders promptly. Any operator who fails to obey any reasonable demand of these officers will be reported to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles with the request that the license of this operator be suspended indefinitely. We must have the cooperation of the public in order to keep our roads open for fire apparatus, ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

Cruiser — Two-Way Radio:

We have been notified by the Mass. Dept. of Public Safety that the State Police radio system is to be improved and that specifications for ultra-high frequency modulated (F. M.) radio

equipment have been released to bidders. This means that radios now used to pick up calls from W. M. P. State Police Station at Framingham will be of no further use. We have been receiving calls through W. M. P. for a number of years and consider it an invaluable means of calling an officer who is patrolling through the different sections of the town. These radios that we have used in the past were our own private radios changed over at our own expense to give you this needed service. Now, however, with the change to be made in the State Police system, this cannot be done and it is up to the people of the town to decide if they want to continue to equip the police so that they can give them efficient service in the protection of life and property.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FOLEY,
Chief of Police.

Report of Workmen's Compensation Agent

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

• During the past year there have been seven accidents to the employees of the town, none of which proved serious. It is very important that your compensation agent be notified promptly in case of accident as it is necessary to make out a rather lengthy report in order that the employee may receive the benefits from the insurance company.

HOWARD L. JONES,

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Librarian's Report, 1941

Accessions—Number of volumes in the Library January 1, 1941, 21,534. Increase by Purchase, 387. Increase by gift, 58. Total increase, 445. Withdrawn from circulation, 196. Total number of volumes in the Library January 1, 1942, 21,783.

Circulation—Number of days Library was open, 102.

Number of volumes circulated, 13,247.

Largest daily circulation, 264 on February 26.

Smallest daily circulation, 51 on June 11.

Daily average circulation, 129+.

Received from Library fines and magazines sold and paid to Town Treasurer, \$27.79.

Gifts of books have been received from the following sources: U. S. Gov., 5; State of Mass., 6; B. M. Baruch, 1; Dee Beebe, 1; Mrs. Chester C. Bolton, 1; Hans V. Briesen, 1; Lady Campbell, 1; Avis Collins, 1; Edwin Fobes, 5; Foster Hope Co., 1; DeWolfe & Fiske Co., 1; Mrs. Burton Harvey, 8; Alfred V. Jules, 20; C. A. Sahlberg, 1; Alfred P. Sloan, 1; Eleanor Stevens, 1; Henry H. Taft, 1; L. S. Tapman, 1; Ernest H. Washburn, 1. Total, 58.

This year we have received the gift of a marble statue of Ophelia with pedestal, from Mr. Edgar Hall, a former resident of West Acton. The Librarian has given a drawing of Acton church in 1874, and one of the Hayward mansion as it was before its burning in 1912.

ARTHUR F. DAVIS, Librarian

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McDonough, M. M.—Sun in the West	JM137s
McDonough, M. M.—Tenderfoot Gold	JM137t
Malkus, A. S.—The Citadel of a Hundred Stairways	JM251c
Mallette, G. E.—Into the Wind	JM253i
Mathews, F. K.—Boy Scout Book of Good Turn Stories	JM431bq
Mathews, F. K.—Boy Scout Year Book of Patriotic Stories	JM431br

Merwin, D.—Parachute Pup	JM576p
Myers, S. A.—Pets and Friends	JM996p
Nolan, J. C.—The Story of Clara Barton of the Red Cross	JN788s
North, S.—Greased Lightning	JN867g
Orton, H. F.—Mystery at the Little Schoolhouse	JO77m
Osswald and Reed—Hundreds of Turkeys	JO841h
Osswald and Reed—My Dog Laddie and Frisky the Goat	JO841m
Palmer, R.—Mickey Never Fails	JP175m
Pollock, K. G.—The Gaucho's Daughter	JP7761g
Renick, J. and M.—David Cheers the Team	JR413d
Robinson, T.—Pete	JR665p
Rounds, G.—The Blind Colt	JR859b
Sanders, R. M.—Mystery at Penmarth	JS215m
Saxon, C.—The Mystery at Camp Lenape	JS273m
Seaman, A. H.—Bitsy Finds the Clue	JS438bi
Seaman, A. H.—The Figure Head of the Folly	JS438f
Seaman, A. H.—The Mystery of the Empty Room	JS438my
Seaman, A. H.—The Riddle at Live Oaks	JS438r
Snedeker, C. D.—The White Isle	JS6712w
Sperry, A. (Ed.)—Story Parade Gold Book	JS751s
Stuart, F. P.—Piang, the Moro Chieftain	JS929p
Tarshis, E. K.—The Village that Learned to Read	JT193v
Turner and Hallock—Growing Up	JT9451g
Turner, C. E. and Others—Keeping Safe and Well	JT9451k
Updegraff, F. M.—Coat For a Soldier	JU66c
Urmston, M.—Forty Faces	JU77f
VanStockum, H.—Pegeen	JV281p
Waldeck, T. J.—The White Panther	JW1581w
Weik, M. H.—The House on Cherry Hill	JW4212h
White, A. T.—Lost Worlds	J9W581l
Williams, H. L.—Kimbi Indian of the Jungle	JW684k
Williams, U. M.—Peter and the Wanderlust	JW727p
Wirt, M. A.—Sky Racers	JW799s
Worth, K.—The Middle Button	JW932m
Worthington, M.—Sally and her Homemaking	JW934s
Yeager, D.—Bob Flame, Rocky Mountain Ranger	JY37bo
Yeager, D.—Scarface	JY37s

Report of Inspector of Animals

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1941.

Cows	283
Young Cattle	87
Bulls	15
Oxen	2
Goats	18
Sheep	14
Swine	773
Dogs Quarantined	17
Rabies	1
Barns Inspected	55

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST E. ALLSOPP,
Inspector of Animals.

Report of Inspector of Slaughtering

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the year 1941.

Beef	2
Veal	6
Condemned none.	

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST E. ALLSOPP,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

Elizabeth White Fund

The Trustees have signed orders for the sum of three hundred seventy-five dollars \$375.00.

We have given this, where in our judgment, it was most needed.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO E. WHITCOMB,
CHARLOTTE CONANT,
CLARA SAWYER,

Trustees.

Report of Dog Officer

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I submit herewith my report, as Dog Officer, covering work done for the year 1941:

Number of dogs disposed of in accordance with law	48
Number of dogs sold	2
Number of dogs reclaimed by owners in accordance with law	0
Total number of dogs handled	50
Number of calls answered for dog nuisance	25
Warnings to delinquent dog owners to get licences	125
Appropriation	\$200.00
50 dogs @ \$3.00 for six days' board	150.00
48 dogs @ \$1.00 for disposal	48.00
Total for board and disposal	\$198.00
For sale of dogs	6.00
	\$192.00

Gentlemen:

I, therefore, recommend that the appropriation for the year 1942 be the same.

Repectfully submitted,

ARTHUR FRASER,
Dog Officer.

Report of the Town Nurse

Board of Health
Acton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Town Nurse for year ending Dec. 31, 1941.

Bedside Nursing calls	1,516
Welfare calls	253
Pre-natal calls	134
Child Welfare	129
Social Service	92

The diphtheria prevention clinic was held in the Spring and was very well attended. One case of diphtheria was reported, undoubtedly causing a larger attendance. It should be stated that the person who was ill, had never had protective treatments. Number of children attending Clinic was 124. Schick tests given to determine immunity—83, of that number 42 were pre-school pupils—37 in school and 4 were teachers.

The number of Toxoid injections—160. The procedure has been to give three doses at weekly intervals.

At the Middlesex County Hospital at Waltham, 16 people were X-rayed and given physical examinations at physicians request. This service is free to all members of our community, its purpose being the detection and control of tuberculosis by early treatment. Every year our town participates in the sale of Christmas Seals, the proceeds are used for tuberculosis prevention programs. Mr. Thomas Byron of the Center is our local secretary and treasurer. A portion of the funds collected are used for projects in our community. Last year a girl was sent to our Health Camp for a period of 8 weeks. It is also helpful in making our school milk program possible for all children.

The common cold with its more severe complications is still the greatest cause of school absences. It seems unwise to send a child to school during the infectious stages, for it is often the forerunner of a contagious disease.

In time of national emergency, it becomes even more important than ever that we avail ourselves of the public health services of our Community and attempt to improve the personal health of ourselves and families.

Respectfully submitted,

GENEVIEVE J. CREELEY, R. N.

Report of the Board of Health

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Health of Acton herewith submits the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1941.

We regret to report that there was a run of communicable diseases during the year. Measles, while not especially serious, reached large proportions and a total of 215 persons were treated.

At the very start of the year we experienced the possibility of a scarlet fever epidemic and immediately took steps to prevent it and keep it under control. A total of twelve cases was reported.

The diphtheria clinic was carried on again this year and over 150 persons took advantage of it.

Applications were received for permission to operate overnight cabins. Therefore it becomes necessary to have published and issued rules and regulations, conforming with state regulations and suitable for this town's requirements.

The maintenance of the town dump for the exclusive use

of the citizens of the Town of Acton has been our big problem. Persons from some of the surrounding towns were using the dump regularly and in many cases with no regard as to where the refuse was left. (Even some of our own citizens have been that careless.)

In order to keep the expense of maintenance of the dump down and to accommodate the town's people wishing to use it, the Board deemed it necessary to have it open only on certain days, and under supervision. At first it was open Wednesdays and Saturdays but this proved inadequate to accommodate all the citizens desiring to use it and, therefore, we arranged to have it open on Mondays also. Thus far that plan seems to be working out very well.

At the first outbreak of rabies in this state for almost a year, the selectmen issued orders that all dogs be restrained for a period of ninety days. In this connection the Board established a clinic for the inoculation of all dogs against this dreaded disease. The way the dog owners co-operated and responded to this opportunity was very pleasing to the Board.

With the expense of maintaining the town dump and other unpredictable health expenses of the town we recommend the appropriation of \$1200.00, the same as last year.

Record of Contagious Diseases Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1941.

Dog-bite	17
German Measles	1
Scarlet Fever	12
Measles	215
Tuberculosis	1
Undulant Fever	1
Chicken Pox	1
Diphtheria	1
Whooping Cough	3
Syphilis	1
Mumps	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1

Deaths:

Residents who died in other towns	13
Total deaths recorded	39
Residents of Acton	36
Residents of other places	3

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. CLARK, M.D., Chairman
L. H. CRAM, Secretary
LILLIAN TAYLOR
ERNEST E. ALLSOPP, Agent

Report of Tax Collector

1939 Town Tax

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1941	\$11,340.25
Interest	738.86
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	\$12,079.11

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$11,968.51
Abated	64.40
Tax Titles	46.20
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	\$12,079.11

1940 Town Tax

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1941	\$26,092.26
Interest	470.32
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	\$26,562.58

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$16,628.76
Tax Titles	44.02
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	9,889.80
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	\$26,562.58

1941 Town Tax

Dr.

Committed	\$89,690.90
Interest	28.75
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	\$89,719.65

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$64,835.01
Abated	1,494.55
Tax Titles	227.20
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	\$23,162.89
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	\$89,719.65

1939 Personal Tax

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1941	\$861.72
Interest	62.84
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	\$924.56

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	924.56
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	\$924.56

1940 Personal Tax

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1941	\$1,522.10
Interest	21.35
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	\$1,543.45

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$706.92
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	836.53
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	\$1,543.45

1941 Personal Tax

Dr.

Committed	\$11,441.00
Interest	3.43
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	\$11,444.43

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$10,196.97
Abated	32.66
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	1,214.80
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	\$11,444.43

1937 Excise

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1941	\$168.59
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	\$168.59

Cr.

Abated	\$168.59
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	\$168.59

1939 Excise

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1941	\$287.13
Interest	3.72
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	\$290.85

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$38.24
Abated	244.48
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	8.13
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	\$290.85

1940 Excise

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1941	\$1,481.71
Committed	61.57
Interest	11.70
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	\$1,554.98

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$1,359.23
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	195.75
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	\$1,554.98

1941 Excise

Dr.

Committed	\$9,389.70
Interest	6.71

\$9,396.41

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$8,327.45
Abated	286.19
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	782.77

\$9,396.41

1939 Poll Tax

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1941	\$108.00
Interest	5.28
Cost	14.00

\$127.28

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$100.93
Abated	24.00
Adjustment	2.35

\$127.28

1940 Poll Tax

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1941	\$294.00
Interest	3.81
Cost	22.40

\$320.21

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$162.21
Abated	86.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	72.00

\$320.21

1941 Poll Tax

Dr.

Committed Jan. 1, 1941	\$1,890.00
Cost	30.45

\$1,920.45

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$1,470.45
Abated	146.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	304.00

\$1,920.45

SUMMARY OF COLLECTOR'S REPORT

January 1, 1942

Total Debits

1939 Town Tax	\$12,079.11
1940 Town Tax	26,562.58
1941 Town Tax	89,719.65
1939 Personal Tax	924.56
1940 Personal Tax	1,543.45
1941 Personal Tax	11,444.43
1937 Excise Tax	168.59
1939 Excise Tax	290.85
1940 Excise Tax	1,554.98
1941 Excise Tax	9,396.41
1939 Poll Tax	127.28
1940 Poll Tax	320.21
1941 Poll Tax	1,920.45

\$156,052.55

Total Credits

Cash Paid Treasurer	\$116,719.24
Abated	2,546.87
Tax Titles	317.42
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	36,466.67
Adjustment	2.35

\$156,052.55

CARRIE M. DURKEE,
Collector of Taxes

Forest Warden's Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Your Forest Warden submits the report for the year ending December 31, 1941.

Total number of fires responded to	141
Cut of town calls	5
Total Labor cost of extinguishing	\$1,302.05
Total Property loss in dollars and cents	\$1,030.00

The Forest fire truck and equipment is in good condition considering the age of the truck, which is now almost 12 years old.

This year a Forest Fire Patrol must be put on during the fire season which will be approximately six to eight weeks. This patrol is required by State Law, and will consist of four men, eight hours a day, seven days a week. Each man is supposed to cover one hundred miles per day. The compensation will be at the rate of regular town employees and a mileage fee for using their automobile. This patrol is to stop all parkers and to keep automobiles moving on back roads, to extinguish small fires, to report all fires and to keep a record of all suspicious automobiles.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Forest Warden.

Fire Department

January 28, 1942

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the Fire Department for the year 1941. The total number of alarms responded to by the entire department are as follows:

Building	15
Automobile	2
Chimney	13
False	2
Out of Town	1
Fires as a result of oil heaters	2
Total labor cost of extinguishing	\$501.20
Total Property loss	\$8,912.00

The ladder truck at South Acton should be replaced this year as it has now become unsafe to operate on the highway, it is really in a serious condition.

With the fear of a possible air raid I feel that the firemen that do not have coats, helmets and boots should be equipped with them.

The alarm system is now complete and is certainly going to be a big advantage in air raid alarms. I think that as soon as possible Fire alarm boxes should be installed through the central part of the town.

We now have, or will in the near future, a good supply of hose, and it should be adequate except perhaps for some grave emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Chief of the Fire Department.

Welfare Department Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the Board of Public Welfare is hereby submitted.

Practically all assistance rendered in 1941 under Temporary Aid or General Relief was given to persons who for various reasons were unemployable. As this was anticipated at the beginning of the year, a substantial reduction was made in the appropriation for this type of relief. Also, a small balance was left at the close of the year. This condition will probably continue to exist throughout the year 1942. However, there is a possibility that aid to Employables may show an increase because of private industry being compelled to curtail in number of employees due to production limitations ordered by the government. This condition has already been the cause for application for assistance.

In the report submitted by this board last year, we referred to pending legislation pertaining to relief. On October 30, 1941, an Act making a number of changes in the Old Age Assistance law was passed, the majority of which go into effect April 30, 1942. These changes not only liberalized minimum amounts to be paid, but also liberalized or removed altogether certain restrictions as to eligibility to receive this assistance. It will be necessary to increase assistance in a large number of cases because of the above changes and also will probably result in an increase in case load. Unless assistance is granted as provided in the law, no reimbursement will be made by the State Department. Because of the above changes, it will be necessary to increase the appropriation for Old Age Assistance.

Although we do not anticipate any changes in Aid to De-

pendent Children, we feel a slight reduction can be made in the appropriation as there was a balance at the close of the year.

We submit statistical reports for the year 1941.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL E. BACKMAN,
MARY M. LAFFIN,
RAYMOND L. HATCH,
Board of Public Welfare.

TEMPORARY AID

Case Load	Cases	Cases
December 31, 1940	11	28
December 31, 1941	6	9

Cases Aided, 1941

Acton Settled	17	38
Other Settlements—Unsettled	4	17
Acton Settled—In other places	7	12
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	28	67
Total Aid		\$4,662.98
Employables	\$926.60	
Unemployables	2,473.35	
Acton cases—out of town	1,263.03	
	—	\$4,662.98
Unsettled	\$463.66	
Out of Town Settled	538.00	
	—	\$1,001.66
Approximate Cost to Acton		\$3,661.32
Less Acton Cases out of Town		1,263.03
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Total Acton Resident Cases		\$2,398.29

Rent	\$709.44	
Cash	1,604.00	
Clothing	3.35	
Food	389.16	
Fuel and Light	413.50	
Medical	110.00	
Hospitalization	70.50	
Burial	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,399.95

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Case Load	Cases	Cases
December 31, 1940		83
Added during year	13	
Closed during year	13	
December 31, 1941		83
Acton cases in other towns		8
Out of Town and Unsettled Cases in Acton		19
Appropriation		\$15,500.00
Federal Grants		13,693.21
Federal Grant Balance 1/1/41		670.70
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		\$29,863.91
Cash Disbursements		\$28,594.17
Acton Cases in Other Towns		629.60
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		\$29,223.77

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Case Load	Cases	Cases	Individuals
December 31, 1940		7	21
Closed during year	3		
Added during year	2		
December 31, 1941		6	17
Appropriation			\$2,300.00
Federal Grants			1,371.55
Federal Grant Balance 1/1/41			166.64
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			\$3,838.19
Cash Disbursements			\$3,083.04

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Appropriations recommended for 1942:

Old Age Assistance	\$18,000.00
Temporary Aid	5,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00

CARL E. BACKMAN, Chairman,
Board of Public Welfare.

FEDERAL SURPLUS COMMODITIES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

Although the expense to the Town of Acton for participating in Federal Surplus Commodities for the year 1942 again increased slightly, it was felt that the benefits received by persons participating in the Town of Acton, warrant this expense. Therefore, this bill was submitted to your board for payment. During the year, 1941, the value of commodities distributed in Acton was as follows: Direct distribution of Food, \$3,171.34; Clothing, \$1,007.65. Combined value of both food and clothing for the year 1941 being \$4,178.99.

The amount contributed by the Town of Acton is the proportionate share of administrative expenses of the Surplus Commodities Division, consisting of Equipment Rental, Freight and Transportation, Necessary Supplies, Printing, Salaries for Supervision, and Miscellaneous Expenses.

Although the uncertainty of conditions in the coming year is referred to in the report of the Surplus Commodities Division, this reference is only as it may relate to the increased cost of material and supplies, etc., no reference is made to curtailment. We, therefore, assume this service will be available for the coming year.

CARL E. BACKMAN, Chairman,
Board of Public Welfare.

Treasurer's Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 1941
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Acton, Massachusetts:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1941.

Cash Balance, January 1, 1941 \$48,380.30

Receipts for 1941:

Received from State Treasurer:

Aid Dependent Children	\$1,583.32	
Old Age Assistance, Federal	14,149.60	
Highways	10,815.04	
Aid Dependent Children, Federal ...	1,371.55	
Income Tax	12,083.82	
Aid Indigent Persons	9.00	
Old Age Assistance	10,091.18	
Temporary Aid	164.97	
Loss on Taxes	596.16	
Tuition	779.84	
Highways Chapter 420	4,232.41	
Vocational Education	108.09	
Training Schools	55.06	
Business Corporation Tax	9,711.27	
State Aid	250.00	
Military Aid	356.00	
Veteran's Exemption	24.43	
Highway Fund	4,232.40	
Aid and Transportation	778.03	
	<hr/>	\$71,392.17

Received from County Treasurer:

Dog Refund	\$525.78	
Highways	1,990.61	
Dog Officer	196.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,712.39

Received from Carrie M. Durkee:
Collector of Taxes:

Town, 1939	\$11,229.65	
Poll 1939	82.00	
Excise, 1939	34.52	
Personal, 1939	861.72	
Town, 1940	15,337.11	
Excise, 1940	1,347.53	
Personal, 1940	685.57	
Poll, 1940	136.00	
Town, 1941	62,705.65	
Excise 1941	8,088.66	
Poll, 1941	1,440.00	
Costs	66.50	
Interests	1,354.77	
Personal, 1941	13,349.56	
	<hr/>	\$116,719.24

Miscellaneous Receipts:

Director Standard, Licenses	\$24.00
Horace F. Tuttle, Dog Licenses	18.60
Elwin Hollowell, Care Lots	255.50
Elwin Hollowell, Foundations	63.00
Fred Kennedy, Burials	416.00
Fred Kennedy, Lowering Device	57.00
Fred Kennedy, Care Lots	439.75
Fred Kennedy, Sale Lots, Mt. Hope ..	77.00
Fred Kennedy, Foundations	161.38
Boston & Maine R. R., Snow Removal ..	12.50
Boston & Maine R. R. Forest Fires	13.90
Selectmen, Licenses	56.00
Selectmen, Sale Settees	8.00
Selectmen, Sale Plat. Scales	8.00
Cancelled Checks	44.40
Concord Dis't Court, Fines	425.60
Board of Health, Nurse Services	144.00
Arthur F. Davis, Library Fines	20.84
Arthur F. Davis, Sale Magazines	6.95

Horace F. Tuttle, Riern. Burial Ex- penses	361.21
O. D. Wood, Rent Hall	173.00
Town of Acton, Machinery Account	748.82
Harlan E. Tuttle, Dog Licenses	744.80
Welfare Department, Reimbursement	70.21
Merchants National Bank, Loan	25,000.00
Town of Boxboro, Tuition	1,214.73
Ralph Rogers, Rent, Hall	167.00
Merchants National Bank, H. S. Notes	16,000.00
Merchants National Bank, Prem. on Notes	162.00
George Richardson, Tuition	98.70
Board of Health, Milk Licenses	7.50
Board of Health, Pasteurize Licenses	20.00
Board of Health, Garbage Licenses	11.00
Board of Health, Miscellaneous	8.00
Town of Concord, Welfare	300.20
Town of Wrentham, Old Age Assist.	128.44
Town of Westford, Schools	217.44
Town of Maynard, Old Age Assist.	27.50
Town of East Bridgewater, Welfare	485.50
Town of Winchester, Old Age Assist.	55.00
Second Nat'l Bank, Sec. 6A Chapt. 44	10,000.00
Second National Bank, Interest .....	.12
City of Boston, Schools	115.56
Town of Marblehead, Old Age Assist.	30.00
Clare Milbery, Sealer Weights	80.06
Town of Stow, Old Age Assist.	85.00
Theron A. Lowden, Prem. Refund	42.19
Town of Arlington, Old Age Assist.	142.00
Town of Concord, Land Tax	25.12
City of Brockton, Old Age Assist.	46.67
Horace E. Tuttle, Sale Lots, Wood- lawn	90.00
City of Newton, Welfare	5.00
Elizabeth Richardson and Heirs, Tax Title	219.38

Elizabeth Lillian Richardson and Heirs, Interest	24.43	
Clarice Dunn, Care Green Lot	3.00	
Carrie M. Durkee, Certificates	23.00	
Orson Miller, Prem. Refund	16.78	
City of Boston, Welfare	107.75	
Arthur Fraser, Sale of Dogs	6.00	
Transfer, Cemetery Fund	1,410.19	
Transfer, Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	1,532.31	
Transfer, Memorial Library	420.69	
Transfer, Blanchard Fund	25.00	

	<hr/>	\$62,703.72
Total Cash Receipts		\$253,527.52
Cash Balance, January 1, 1941		48,380.30

Sum Total for 1941		<hr/> \$301,907.82
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Payments in 1941:

Selectmen's Orders	\$227,506.35	
State Taxes	11,365.35	
	<hr/>	\$238,871.70

Cash Balance, December 31, 1941		<hr/> \$63,036.12
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Outstanding Notes and Bonds

Anticipation Revenue Loan, Note 160, due June 26, 1942	\$25,000.00
High School Bonds, due 1942 to 1945	4,000.00
High School Addition Notes, 161 to 176 due 1942 to 1957	16,000.00
Anticipation Section 6A Chapter 44, General Laws, Note 177, due Feb'y 25, 1942 from State and County	10,000.00

Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund

Balance January 1, 1941:

Principal Fund	\$82,238.95	
Unexpended Balance	69.75	
	<hr/>	\$82,308.52

Received Interest:

North Middlesex Savings	\$60.00	
Franklin Savings	60.00	
Lynn Five Cent Savings	50.00	
Middlesex Inst. Savings	64.76	
Athol Savings	60.00	
Arlington Five Cent Savings	80.00	
Springfield Inst. Savings	60.00	
Leominster Savings	75.00	
Worcester North Savings	60.00	
Cambridge Savings	87.50	
Hudson Savings	112.50	
Marlboro Savings	112.50	
Waltham Savings	100.00	
East Cambridge Savings	60.00	
Andover Savings	80.00	
Boston Five Cent Savings	40.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	100.00	
Home Savings	60.00	
Lexington Savings	80.00	
Winchendon Savings	150.00	
Farmer's & Mechanics	100.00	
Medford Savings	60.00	
Wilkey Savings	50.00	
Middlesex Inst. Savings (income) ..	16.05	
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		\$1,778.31
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		\$84,086.83

Balance December 31, 1941:

Andover Savings	\$4,000.00
Arlington Savings	4,000.00
Athol Savings	3,000.00
Boston Five Cent Savings	2,000.00
Cambridge Savings	3,500.00
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	5,000.00
East Cambridge Savings	3,000.00
Farmer's and Mechanics Savings	5,000.00
Franklin Inst. Savings	3,000.00

Home Savings	3,000.00	
Hudson Savings	5,000.00	
Leominster Savings	3,000.00	
Lexington Savings	4,000.00	
Lynn Five Cent Savings	2,500.00	
Marlboro Savings	4,500.00	
Medford Savings	3,000.00	
Middlesex Inst. Savings	3,238.95	
Middlesex Inst. Savings (income) ..	315.57	
North Middlesex Savings	3,000.00	
Springfield Inst. Savings ..	3,000.00	
Waltham Savings	4,000.00	
Willey Savings	2,500.00	
Winchendon Savings	5,000.00	
Worcester North Savings	4,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$82,554.52
Transfer to Town Account		1,532.31
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		\$84,086.83

Cemetery Fund

Balance January 1, 1941:

Principal Fund	\$42,687.21	
Unexpended Balance	3,087.80	
	<hr/>	\$45,775.01

Received for Perpetual Care:

Florence V. Woodward, Lot, Mt. Hope	100.00	
Willis J. Middleton, Lot, Woodlawn	100.00	
Adele Johnson, Lot, Woodlawn	100.00	
Benjamin T. Yates, Lot, Woodlawn	100.00	
M. J. Handley, Lot, Mt. Hope	200.00	
Frank S. Atwood, Lot, Mt. Hope	100.00	
Charles Edwards, Lot, Woodlawn	100.00	
Horace F. Tuttle, Lot, Woodlawn	100.00	
William Conant, Lot, Woodlawn	100.00	
George B. Parker, Lot, Woodlawn	175.00	
Ernest G. Banks, Lot, Mt. Hope	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,275.00

Received Interest:

North Middlesex Savings	\$129.08	
Middlesex Inst. Savings	69.50	
Athol Savings	21.00	
Worcester North Savings	30.00	
Worcester Five Cent Savings	37.50	
Assabet Inst. Savings	6.00	
Hudson Savings	54.00	
Marlboro Savings	62.50	
Maynard Trust Co.	56.44	
Boston Five Cent Savings	40.00	
Warren Inst. Savings	44.00	
Suffolk Savings	45.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	30.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	5.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	30.00	
Chalestown Five Cent Savings	6.00	
Home Savings	20.00	
East Cambridge Savings	40.00	
Central Savings	28.00	
West and South Water Bonds	42.00	
Assabet Inst. Savings	43.30	
Assabet Inst. Savings	32.14	
Middlesex Inst. Savings (income) ..	47.80	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	24.24	
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		\$943.50
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		\$47,993.51

Balance December 31, 1941:

Assabet Inst. Savings	\$1,631.67
Assabet Inst. Savings	3,450.00
Assabet Inst. Savings	300.00
Athol Savings	1,050.00
Boston Five Cent Savings	2,000.00
Central Savings	1,600.00
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	250.00
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	1,500.00

Charlestown Five Cent Savings	300.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	1,500.00	
East Cambridge Savings	2,000.00	
Home Savings	1,000.00	
Hudson Savings	2,400.00	
Marlboro Savings	2,500.00	
Maynard Trust Co.	3,228.96	
Middlesex Inst. Savings (income) ..	1,519.45	
Middlesex Inst. Savings	3,475.00	
North Middlesex Savings	6,454.00	
Suffolk Savings	3,600.00	
Worcester North Savings	2,000.00	
Worcester Five Cent Savings	1,500.00	
Warren Inst. Savings	2,200.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	824.24	
West and South Water Bonds	900.00	
	<hr/>	\$46,583.32
Transfer to Town Account		1,410.19
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		\$47,993.51

Note: West and South Water Bond,
redeemed, funds deposited in
Central Savings Bank
(\$300.00)

Elizabeth White Fund

Balance January 1. 1941:

Principal Fund	\$25,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	1,390.97	
	<hr/>	\$26,390.97

Received Interest:

Athol Savings	\$40.00
Amherest Savings	50.00
Worcester North Savings	15.00
North Middlesex Savings	40.00
Lawrence Savings	40.00
Worcester Five Cent Savings	50.00
Marlboro Savings	50.00

Waltham Savings	50.00	
Andover Savings	40.00	
East Cambridge Savings	40.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	40.00	
Lowell Inst. Savings	40.00	
Middlesex Inst. Savings	40.00	
Hudson Savings (income)	14.48	
North Middlesex Savings (income) ..	16.07	
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		565.55

\$26,956.52

Balance December 31, 1941:

Amherest Savings	\$2,000.00	
Andover Savings	2,000.00	
Athol Savings	2,000.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings ..	2,000.00	
East Cambridge Savings	2,000.00	
Hudson Savings (income)	654.48	
Lawrence Savings	2,000.00	
Lowell Savings	2,000.00	
Marlboro Savings	2,000.00	
Middlesex Inst. Savings	2,000.00	
North Middlesex Savings	2,000.00	
North Middlesex Savings (income) ..	927.04	
Waltham Savings	2,000.00	
Worcester Five Cent Savings	2,000.00	
Worcester North Savings ..	1,000.00	
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		\$26,581.52
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1941		375.00
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		\$26,956.52

Wilde Memorial Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1941:

Principal Fund	\$9,000.00
Unexpended Balance	465.29
Susan Augusta & Luther Conant Fund	1,000.00
Hiram Hapgood Fund	200.00

Luke Tuttle Fund	200.00	
John W. Heald Fund	934.19	
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	2,352.34	
Minnie Davis Fund	336.50	
	<hr/>	\$14,488.32

Received Interest:

West Shore R. R. Bond	\$40.00	
Massachusetts Savings	20.00	
City Inst. Savings	20.00	
Cambridge Savings	8.40	
Middlesex Inst. Savings	20.00	
Warren Inst. Savings	40.00	
Home Savings	20.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	60.00	
Cambridge Savings (Hosmer)	59.16	
Middlesex Inst. Savings (Heald)	18.77	
Maynard Trust Co., (income)	16.04	
	<hr/>	\$322.37

\$14,810.69

Balance December 31, 1941:

Cambridge Savings	\$2,411.50	
Cambridge Savings	336.50	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	3,000.00	
City Inst. Savings	1,000.00	
Home Savings	1,000.00	
Massachusetts Savings	1,000.00	
Middlesex Inst. Savings	952.96	
Middlesex Inst. Savings	1,000.00	
Warren Inst. Savings	2,000.00	
Maynard Trust Co.	400.00	
Maynard Trust Co., (income)	289.04	
West Shore R. R. Bond	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$14,390.00

Transfer to Town Account	420.69
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\$14,810.69

Georgia E. Whitney Fund

Balance January 1, 1941:

Principal Fund	\$13,500.00	
Unexpended Balance	69.50	
	<hr/>	\$13,569.50

Received Interest:

North Middlesex Savings	\$40.00	
Middlesex Inst. Savings	40.00	
Assabet Inst. Savings	40.00	
Marlboro Savings	75.00	
Hudson Savings	56.25	
Lexington Savings	40.00	
Assabet Inst. Savings (income)	1.74	
	<hr/>	\$292.99
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		\$13,862.49

Balance December 31, 1941:

Assabet Inst. Savings (income)	\$62.49	
Assabet Inst. Savings	2,000.00	
Hudson Savings	2,500.00	
Lexington Savings	2,000.00	
Marlboro Savings	3,000.00	
Middlesex Inst. Savings	2,000.00	
North Middlesex Savings	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$13,562.49
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1941		300.00
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		\$13,862.49

Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund

Balance January 1, 1941:

Balance		\$1,499.77
Received Interest:		
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	\$2.31	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	5.97	
Massachusetts Savings	20.01	
Warren Inst. Savings	2.07	
	<hr/>	30.36
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		\$1,530.13

Balance December 31, 1941:

Charlestown Five Cent Savings	\$117.51	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings	303.84	
Massachusetts Savings	978.72	
Warren Inst. Savings	105.06	
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		1,505.13
Transfer to Town Account		25.00
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		\$1,530.13

Cemetery Surplus

Balance January 1, 1941:

Balance	\$1,003.37	
Received Interest:		
Assabet Inst. Savings	20.16	
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		\$1,023.53

Balance December 31, 1941:

Assabet Inst. Savings	\$1,023.53
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Sarah J. Green Fund

Principal Fund	\$150.00	
Received Interest:		
Assabet Inst. Savings	1.00	
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		\$151.00

Balance December 31, 1941:

Assabet Inst. Savings	\$151.00
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West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Balance January 1, 1941:

Balance	\$609.99	
Received Interest:		
Middlesex Inst. Savings	12.25	
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		\$622.24

Balance December 31, 1941:

Middlesex Inst. Savings	\$622.24
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Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Balance January 1, 1941:

Principal Fund	\$1,875.00	
Unexpended Balance	128.40	
	<hr/>	\$2,003.40

Received to Fund:

Company Salaries	\$230.00	
Middlesex Inst. Savings (interest) ..	40.38	
	<hr/>	270.38
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		\$2,273.78

Balance December 31, 1941:

Middlesex Inst. Savings	\$2,238.53	
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1941	35.25	
	<hr/>	\$2,273.78

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HENRY SOAR,
Town Treasurer.

Report of the Town Accountant

February 10, 1942

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report covering the financial transactions of the town for the year ended December 31, 1941.

The financial condition of the town is excellent as you will notice by the balance sheet.

At a special town meeting in December the town voted to appropriate \$7,907.15 from surplus revenue. Please note that after making these appropriations the surplus account at the end of 1941 is a little more than one year ago.

This past year the town borrowed \$16,000 on account of the addition to the high school. These notes bear interest at 1½% and mature \$1,000 annually from 1942-1957.

There is still outstanding \$4,000 in notes on the original high school building which mature \$1,000 annually from 1942-1945. This will make the payments on the bonded debt \$2,000 annually for the next 4 years; after that it will be reduced to \$1,000 annually.

I have audited the books of the tax collector and verified the cash on hand. I have audited the books of the treasurer and verified the several trust funds in his custody. I have verified the funds in the custody of trustees.

HOWARD L. JONES,

Town Accountant.

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for 1941 and Estimates for 1942

	<i>Total Approp.</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Estimates for 1942</i>
General Government				
Revenue	\$7,000.00			
Surplus Revenue	250.00	\$7,195.24	\$54.76	\$7,200.00
Buildings and Grounds				
Revenue	1,500.00			
Surplus Revenue	75.00			
Reserve Fund	53.62	1,628.62		1,900.00
Police		4,165.17	34.83	4,200.00
Fire Department				
Revenue	2,800.00			
Surplus Revenue	75.00			
Reserve Fund	13.81	2,888.81		2,800.00
Forest Fires				
Revenue	500.00			
Surplus Revenue	32.15			
Reserve Fund	872.05	1,404.20		900.00
Fire Alarm System		2,205.00		
New Hose				
Revenue	800.00			
Reserve Fund	262.40	1,062.40		
New Forest Fire Hose				
Revenue	400.00			

Reserve Fund	3.59	403.59	403.59	
Hydrant Rental		3,428.00	3,428.00	3,453.00
Moth Department				
Revenue	1,200.00			
Reserve Fund	250.00			
Tree Warden		1,450.00	1,449.74	1,200.00
Board of Health		1,000.00	999.99	1,000.00
Revenue	1,200.00			
Reserve Fund	209.74	1,409.74	1,409.74	1,200.00
Town Nurse		2,200.00	2,114.72	2,200.00
Highways, Village				85.28
Revenue	1,450.00			
Reserve Fund	48.16	1,498.16	1,498.16	1,450.00
Highways, Chapter 81				
Revenue	8,550.00			
State	8,550.00			
Reserve Fund	.37	17,100.37	17,100.37	\$8,550.00
Highways, Chapter 90				
Revenue	2,000.00			
State	2,000.00			
County	2,000.00			
Reserve Fund	.71	6,000.71	6,000.71	2,000.00
Chapter 90, Main St.				
Revenue	2,250.00			
State	4,500.00			

	<i>Total Approp.</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Estimates for 1942</i>
County	2,250.00			
School St., So. Acton		8,998.73	1.27	
Snow Removal			1,000.00	
Revenue	6,000.00			
Reserve Fund	3.16	6,003.16		4,000.00
Road Machinery				
Machinery Fund		999.72	.28	750.00
Street Lighting		3,932.61	17.39	3,950.00
Public Welfare		4,549.10	950.90	5,200.00
State Aid		180.00	60.00	240.00
Military Aid		495.00	105.00	300.00
Soldiers' Relief		1,579.46	20.54	1,600.00
Aid to Dependent Children				
Revenue	2,300.00			
Federal Grant	1,371.55			
Balance from 1940	156.64	3,083.04	745.15	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance				
Revenue	15,500.00			
Federal Grant	13,693.21			
Balance from 1940	672.43	29,223.77	641.87	18,000.00
Old Age Administration Account				
Balance 1940	36.26			
Federal Grant	456.39	492.65		

Education					
Revenue	47,000.00				
Surplus Revenue	125.00				
Reserve Fund	250.00			5.99	52,500.00
Library Maintenance		47,375.00	47,369.01	249.29	1,500.00
Library Books		1,500.00	1,250.71		
Revenue	200.00				
Library Fund	420.69	620.69	420.69	200.00	200.00
Cemeteries					
Revenue	2,500.00				
Reserve Fund	4.90	2,504.90	2,504.90		2,800.00
Special for Trees		300.00	297.63	2.37	
Interest on Susan Hosmer Fund		1,532.31	1,532.31		
Interest on Perpetual Care Funds		1,410.19	1,410.19		
Interest on Blanchard Fund		25.00	25.00		
Liability Insurance		800.00	663.13	136.87	800.00
Memorial Day					
Revenue	250.00				
Reserve Fund	3.68	253.68	253.68		250.00
Dog Officer					
Revenue	200.00				
Reserve Fund	.75	200.75	200.75		200.00
Work Relief		500.00	197.11	302.89	200.00
Redemption of Tax Titles		100.00		100.00	100.00
Jones Community Field		300.00	289.00	11.00	300.00

	<i>Total Approp.</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Estimates for 1942</i>
Unclassified	400.00	388.55	11.45	400.00
Interest on Notes and Bonds	200.00	200.00		400.00
Interest on Revenue Loans	150.00	62.50	87.50	100.00
Notes and Bonds	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,905.33
Bonds, Collector, Treasurer	251.50	251.50		251.50
Street Signs	800.00	525.21	274.79	
Seats for Town Hall	500.00	500.00		
Painting Town Hall	600.00	583.40	16.60	
High School Addition				
Revenue				
Notes	3,500.00			
Reserve Fund	16,000.00			
Committee on Public Safety	16.71	19,516.27	.44	
Surplus Revenue				
Fire Dept. and New Hose	4,350.00	182.61	4,167.39	Forward to '42
Surplus Revenue	3,000.00		3,000.00	Forward to '42
1940 Bills	98.68	98.68		
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	\$206,498.65	\$194,214.53	\$12,284.12	\$135,999.83

No Appropriation Accounts	
Refunds—Taxes	505.36
County Dog Licenses	833.00
Revenue Loans	25,000.00
State Tax	10,230.00
State Park Tax	144.11
State Audit	684.82
State for Bridges	306.42
County Tax	5,892.62
County Hospital Assessment	944.26
Refund Cemetery Land Fund	10.00
Tailing Account	39.25
Certifying and Printing	
High School Notes	67.33
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	\$238,871.70

Cash Receipts and Departmental Expenditures

Treasurer's Receipts

See Treasurer's Itemized Report	\$253,527.52	
Cash Balance January 1, 1941	48,380.30	
		<hr/> \$301,907.82

EXPENDITURES

General Government

Selectmen's Department

James E. Kinsley, salary	\$283.33	
W. Burton Harvey, salary	200.00	
George A. Morse, salary	166.67	
Ralph W. Piper	50.00	
James E. Kinsley, attending meetings ..	6.25	
Virginia Milbery, clerk	755.00	
Virginia Milbery, postage	42.00	
Virginia Milbery, sundry items	4.73	
Vesta Balsor, services	173.50	
Memorial Press, Town Reports	366.00	
Ass'n of Finance Committees	10.00	
Middlesex County Selectmen's Ass'n.	6.00	
Hobbs & Warren Inc., books, stationery ..	4.07	
Sanderson's, stationery	4.05	
Murphy & Snyder, printing	3.13	
		<hr/> \$2,074.73

Collector of Taxes

Carrie M. Durkee, salary	\$1,000.00	
Carrie M. Durkee, postage	91.59	
Carrie M. Durkee, expenses to Registry of		
Deeds advertising a/c tax titles	58.74	
Murphy & Snyder, printing	58.46	
Robinson Seal Co., forms	9.99	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., books	10.24	
		<hr/> \$1,229.02

Assessors' Department

Albert P. Durkee, salary	\$300.00
Henry L. Haynes, salary	300.00
Carl W. Flint, salary	300.00
Murphy & Snyder, printing	14.46
Robinson Seal Co., forms	47.50
Hobbs & Warren Inc., books	13.45
L. L. Applin, transfers	18.22
Cullinane's Express	.35
George R. Barnstead & Son, tax cards	1.00
Albert P. Durkee, attending meetings	25.00
Henry L. Haynes, attending meetings	15.00
Carl W. Flint, attending meetings	10.00
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	\$1,044.98

Treasurer's Department

Wm. Henry Soar, salary	\$500.00
Wm. Henry Soar, postage	110.35
Wm. Henry Soar, certifying notes	4.00
Wm. Henry Soar, telephone	8.30
Wm. Henry Soar, stationery	3.20
Wm. Henry Soar, expenses to Boston	8.00
Murphy & Snyder, envelopes	22.85
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., books	11.11
Louis & Rice, repairing typewriter	8.00
Maynard Trust Co., deposit box	5.55
Todd Sales Co., ribbon	2.50
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	\$683.86

Town Accountant

Howard L. Jones, salary	\$483.33
Howard L. Jones, postage	8.00
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., books	17.77
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	\$509.10

Town Clerk

Harlan E. Tuttle, salary	\$166.67
Recording vital statistics	102.00

Harlan E. Tuttle, telephone	15.00	
Harlan E. Tuttle, postage	13.50	
Harlan E. Tuttle, attending meetings	10.00	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., stationery	13.70	
Murphy & Snyder, printing	63.95	
Robinson Seal Co., binding statistics	35.34	
Thomas Groom & Co., rebinding	10.50	
	<hr/>	\$430.66

Public Welfare

Carl E. Backman, salary	\$125.00	
Raymond L. Hatch, salary	75.00	
Mary M. Laffin	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$275.00

Board of Health

Dr. O. L. Clark, salary	\$25.00	
Dr. O. L. Clark, postage and telephone	2.50	
Lowell H. Cram, salary	15.00	
Lowell H. Cram, postage, telephone	1.14	
Lillian F. Taylor, salary	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$53.64

Soldiers' Relief Agent

Waldo Flint, salary	\$50.00	
Waldo Flint, travel expense	9.60	
Kenneth Webber, Treas., membership dues, state ass'n.	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$61.60

Cattle Inspector

Ernest Allsopp, salary	\$125.00	\$125.00
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

Clare Milbery, salary and transportation	\$200.00	
Clare Milbery, expenses at conference	6.50	
Robinson Seal Co., supplies	11.33	
	<hr/>	\$217.83

Election and Registration

Albert P. Durkee, moderator	\$25.00
Walter L. O'Neil, registrar	20.00
Walter L. O'Neil, recount and listing	65.00
William B. Feeley, registrar	20.00
William B. Feeley, recount and listing	66.80
Arthur W. Lee, registrar	20.00
Arthur W. Lee, recount and listing	50.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, clerk	25.00
Norman Perkins, posting warrants	5.00
Michael Foley, posting warrants	5.00
James W. Coughlin, election officer	5.00
James A. Wayne, election officer	5.00
Paul Coughlin, election officer	5.00
Ralph Rogers, election officer	5.00
Clarence Robbins, election officer	5.00
Thomas Murray, election officer	5.00
Merle Hayward, election officer	5.00
Sophie Walsh, election officer	5.00
Peter Duggan, election officer	5.00
Katherine Kinsley, election officer	5.00
Havelock Schnair, election officer	5.00
Fannie Davis, election officer	5.00
Robinson Seal Co., listing cards	21.93
Murphy & Snyder, printing	83.89
News-Enterprise Co., adv.	5.60
William Lawrence, placing booths	1.00
Clarence Braman, placing booths	1.25
Oliver D. Wood, placing booths	1.75
Louise E. Garceau, lunches	1.80
Warren J. Davis, lunches	2.75
South Acton News Co., lunches	1.55
West Acton Woman's Club, rent	5.00
Virginia Milbery, recount	1.50
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	\$489.82
Total General Government	<hr/>
	\$7,195.24

Bonds

Maryland Casualty Co. Dep. Collector's Bond	\$5.00
C. A. Durkee Insurance Agency Treasurer, Collectors', Town Clerk's Bond	246.50
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	\$251.50

Buildings and Grounds

Oliver D. Wood, janitor	\$153.40
Oliver D. Wood, repairs	18.35
Oliver D. Wood, care of clock and flag	28.50
Ralph Rogers, janitor	175.75
Ralph Rogers, care of clock	25.00
Ralph Rogers, repair	5.55
Bursaw Gas and Coil Co., fuel oil	221.98
Boston Consolidated Gas Co.	29.60
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co.	65.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	76.40
Boston Edison Co.	206.06
Maynard Supply Co.	9.32
West and South Water Supply	19.89
Wm. P. Proctor Co., lumber	9.26
A. W. Davis Co., coal, supplies	58.69
H. J. Dowd Co., dust layer	9.85
Wm. J. Gallagher, gas, oil	7.70
Dewey Boatman, supplies	23.12
R. J. Rodday Co., supplies	9.05
Levi Perkins wood	6.00
George Gutteridge, repairing clock	5.00
Thomas E. Reed, valve	2.50
Arthur Freese, repairs	3.50
Ernest A. Knippel, repairs	2.00
Pierce's Express	.50
Hosea Gould, carting refuse	6.25
George C. Best, labor	16.50
Boston Time System Service, repairing clock	74.35
Parker Hardware Co., duster	.98

Acton Pharmacy, supplies	1.50
Hayward & Priest, repairs	19.91
V. D. Lawson, labor	2.40
N. E. Toro, plugs	1.70
Middlesex County Farm Bureau, weed killer	1.30
H. J. Schnair, resurfacing floor	68.00
Atlantic Marine Co., rope	19.38
James McAvenia, labor	7.50
Com. of Mass., boiler inspection	10.00
Burton Wayne, labor	8.75
Samuel Knowlton, labor	2.50
Wilho Anderson, repairing boiler	2.00
Arthur Wayne, labor	61.63
Fred Kennedy, care of common	10.00
John Pederson, truck	8.00
Labor	38.00
Trucks	95.50
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	\$1,628.62

Police Department

Michael Foley, salary and transportation	\$2,100.28
Norman Perkins, salary and transportation	1,355.37
George Morse, services	175.50
Louise Leveroni, services	41.25
Robert Willett, services	44.25
Benjamin Sawyer, services	27.38
Samuel Knowlton, services	17.25
John Bradley, services	2.25
Michael Foley, expenses a/c raid	10.00
Murphy & Snyder, printing	22.05
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	66.14
A. W. Davis Co., hardware	1.25
New England Tailors, uniforms	87.10
Arthur Fraser	2.00
South Acton News Co.	7.20
Sanderson's, stationery	4.25
S. P. Gile Co., typewriter	79.50

South Acton Dept. Store, bulbs	4.50	
Belmont Supply Co.	38.25	
Wm. J. Gallagher, metal	5.00	
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., supplies	74.40	
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		\$4,165.17

Fire Department

Pay roll, annual	\$460.00
Pay Roll, fires	604.05
Boston Edison Co.	157.05
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	92.19
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal, rope	92.70
A. W. Davis Co., coal, supplies	107.70
Reed Coal & Grain Co., coal	164.61
William Lawrence, janitor	120.00
Iver Peterson, janitor	120.00
Lyle Reynolds, janitor	40.00
Clarence Robbins, janitor	10.00
David Clayton, janitor	50.00
Charles Whitcomb, janitor	20.00
Morse Oil Co., gas, oil, anti-freeze	34.36
Wm. P. Proctor Co., lumber	14.16
Bursaw Gas & Oil Co., gas	27.74
Murphy & Snyder, printing	31.14
R. S. Baker, gas	11.73
Ormal Laffin, gas	4.53
Justin A. McCarthy Co., equipment	384.81
Gorham Fire Equipment Co.	21.90
West & South Water Supply	36.00
J. G. Flynn, towel service	12.00
Acton Motor Co., repairs, parts	116.47
Earl Hayward	9.00
E. P. Gates, repairing hose rack	2.00
W. E. Palmer Co., 100-ft. rope	3.75
Wendell Putnam Jr., lights for windshield	2.85
Fritz Oelschlegel, repairs . . . . .	.85
Am. LaFrance Foamite Corp., equipment	75.34

Registry of Motor Vehicles	12.00	
Fangrieve Belting Co.	6.91	
C. C. Cullinane . . . . .	.50	
L. W. Priest, repairs	8.32	
Hazelton Perkins	9.25	
James B. Wilson	1.75	
A. E. Sims, repairs	23.15	
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		\$2,888.81

Forest Fires

Pay Rolls	1,404.20
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Fire Alarm System

Louis W. Bills	2,205.00
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New Hose

Justin A. McCarthy Co.	1,062.40
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New Hose (Forest)

Justin A. McCarthy Co.	403.59
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Hydrant Rental

West and South Water District	\$3,175.00	
Town of Concord	253.00	
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		\$3,428.00

Moth Department

James J. Knight, Superintendent	\$423.60
James J. Knight, truck	142.00
James J. Knight, attending meeting, tel. supplies	6.56
Harold Knight, labor	104.50
Richard Lowden, labor	158.50
Hugh Hodgen, labor	101.50
Lester Carey, labor	8.00
Ole Granberg, labor	89.00
Morse Oil Co., gas, oil	60.12
Niagara Sprayer & Chemical Co., lead	297.01
Ohnstead Flint Corp., leather, liniment	2.94
Globe Rubber Works Inc., homerflex	16.98
Richard Lowden, D & D	10.00

Registry of Motor Vehicles	2.00	
Jenks Tree Service, kolo spray	3.50	
Murphy & Snyder, notices	3.68	
John F. Coughlin, auto supplies	1.85	
Acton Motor Co., repairs	4.50	
Farquar Tire Service, tires	13.00	
Acton Pipe Co.50	
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		\$1,449.74

Tree Warden

James J. Knight, labor	\$442.31	
James J. Knight, truck	152.19	
James J. Knight, attending meeting	2.30	
Hugh Hogden, labor	222.00	
Harold Knight, labor	4.00	
Ole Granberg, labor	12.00	
Richard Lowden, labor	4.00	
George A. Braman, sharpening saws	1.85	
A. W. Davis Co., files, brushes	5.65	
Wm. P. Proctor Co, lumber	7.97	
Wyman Nurseries, trees	85.95	
Reed Coal & Grain Co., fertilizer	32.60	
J. S. Moore, sundry supplies	1.80	
E. P. Gates, tree irons	7.35	
Frost Insecticide Co., saws	4.32	
Morse Oil Co., gas	3.70	
W. Anderson, truck	10.00	
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		\$999.99

Health

E. E. Allsop, labor at dump	\$105.50	
E. E. Allsopp, services as agent to Board of Health	161.05	
E. E. Allsopp, postage, telephone	3.66	
E. E. Allsopp, expenses to Boston	40.50	
Middlesex County Sanatorium	61.25	
Hosea Gould, truck	33.00	
Hobbs & Warren Inc., books, licenses	8.57	
A. W. Davis Co., supplies	7.50	

Dr. E. A. Mayell, professional services ..	155.00
Dr. R. E. Hooper, professional services ..	48.00
Dr. O. L. Clark, professional services	6.00
W. J. Scanlon, labor at dump	440.50
George H. Briggs, labor at dump	4.00
Charles Byron, labor at dump	12.00
John Nichols, labor at dump	4.00
Thomas W. Reed Co., supplies ..	12.00
Wm. P. Proctor Co., lumber	5.61
Forham Fire Equipment Co., pump	15.24
Greenough Bros. Co., bulldozer	22.00
Acton Pipe Co., pipe fittings, labor	16.70
Strong's Market, supplies	11.75
D. F. Penney, milk	15.00
J. S. Moore, supplies	15.57
J. H. Connolly, supplies	6.24
Bursaw Gas & Oil Co.	10.28
Reed Coal & Grain Co., wire	15.75
J. Waldo Braman, posts, labor	11.00
E. P. Gates, bolts, hinges, etc.	10.00
E. R. Sanborn, labor on gates	15.00
News-Enterprise Co., posters, adv.	32.25
A. C. Gravlin, truck	1.50
Ben. E. Derby, truck	1.50
Laffin's Garage, gas, oil	10.82
Acton Motor Co., labor, parts	3.65
Murphy C Snyder, printing	5.35
Dr. G. F. Malley, vac. dogs	60.00
Fraser Kennels, services	15.00
Lowell Sun, adv.	7.00
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	\$1,409.74

Town Nurse

Genevieve Creeley, R.N., salary and transportation	\$2,000.00
Acton Pharmacy, supplies	101.66
Thomas W. Reed Co., supplies	7.50
Johnson Pharmacy	2.00
Meade & Wheeler Co., records	3.56
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	\$2,114.72

HIGHWAYS

Village

Mass. Broken Stone Co., stone, patch	\$396.12
Wm. P. Proctor Co., plank, spikes, etc.	220.29
Riverside Paint & Varnish Co., traffic paint	36.62
A. W. Davis Co., brooms, sash, door	8.55
Maynard & Acton Oil Co., gas ..	.80
M. W. Leahy Co., gravel	12.00
M. I. Houghton Co., donets ..	1.50
Reed Coal & Grain Co., cement ..	.70
Buff & Buff Mfg. Co., rental of transit	57.00
Greenough Bros. Inc., sand, gravel	26.50
John Pederson, cartage	5.00
Am. Cyanamid & Chemical Co., acid	10.65

\$775.73

Pay Rolls

Labor

Wm. C. Kazokas, supt.	\$175.75
James Johnston	60.00
Jalmar Jarvi	7.50
Edgar Perkins	9.25
R. Reynolds	4.00
George Rugg	14.75
Louis Leveroni	72.25
Norman Campbell	10.00
Edwin Anderson	36.40
Thomas Murray	27.50
Joseph Paskiewicz	22.00
Henry Bullette	6.00

Edwin Hall	9.50	
George Penney	15.00	
Vincent Sheehan	31.50	
Ansel Smart	4.00	
Lester Stiles	2.00	
Donald MacDougall	15.50	
Edwin Christofferson	20.00	
Waino Kangas	24.00	
Joseph Kuleisus	24.00	
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		590.90

Trucks

George Morse	\$20.00	
Wilho Anderson	1.25	
Hosea Gould	1.88	
Acton Motors	6.00	
Levi Perkins	16.25	
Clarence Robbins	18.75	
Albert Gravlin	50.00	
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		114.13

Equipment

P. I. Perkins Co.	17.40	
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		\$1,498.16

Chapter 81

Berger Metal Culvert Co.	\$176.40	
A. Christofferson, gravel	150.75	
Ormal Laffin, gravel	59.55	
Leahy Washed Sand and Gravel		
Co., pea stone	51.89	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	110.54	
New England Asphalt & Tar Co.,		
tar	1,785.25	
Standard Oil Co. of N. Y., road		
oil	3,769.58	
Mass. Broken Stone Co.	136.81	
Am. Cyanamid & Chemical Co.,		
dynamite, caps	109.25	
Edna Downey, sand	107.10	
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		6,457.12

Pay Rolls

Labor

Wm. C. Kazokas, supt.	\$1,176.50
James Johnston	515.00
George Rugg	60.00
George Penney	76.75
Edgar Perkins	303.25
Lester Stiles	46.00
Norman Campbell	293.50
Donald MacDougall	63.50
Joseph Paskiewicz	379.75
Thomas Murray	371.25
James Bradley	11.50
Henry Bulette	47.50
Louis Leveroni	283.65
R. Liebfried	58.00
Edwin Anderson	435.20
Michael Sheehan	52.00
Vincent Sheehan	76.75
John Nichols	125.50
Edwin Christofferson	9.60
Waino Kangas	8.00
Joseph Kuleisus	8.00
Ansel Smart	150.00
Edward Hall	106.00
George Downey	61.25
Albert Gravlin	12.80

4,731.25

Trucks

Clarence Robbins	\$483.38
Hosea Gould	362.00
Wilho Anderson	531.88
Albert Gravlin	572.88
Levi Perkins	353.88
Ralph Jones	301.63
A. W. Davis	63.75
Arthur Jalonen	198.25
George Morse	195.63
E. J. Clark	63.00

3,126.28

Equipment

Clark Wilcox, sand spreader . .	\$79.50	
Leonard J. Smith, shovel, com- pressor	779.50	
Conant Machine & Steel Co., loader	108.50	
P. I. Perkins, grader	1,478.00	
Town of Acton, sundry equip- ment	340.22	
	<hr/>	2,785.72
		<hr/> \$17,100.37

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Standard Oil Co. of New York, road oil	\$1,706.18	
Mass. Broken Stone Co., stone, patch	1,661.63	
Edna Downey, sand	17.50	
State Prison Colony, posts	253.50	
	<hr/>	\$3,638.81

Pay Rolls

Labor

William C. Kazokas, supt.	\$238.50
Edwin Anderson	103.20
Edward Hall	73.00
James Johnston	96.00
Louis Leveroni	25.00
Thomas Murray	89.50
John Nichols	38.00
Joseph Paskiewicz	85.50
Ansel Smart	86.00
George Downey	61.00
Edgar Perkins	34.50
Henry Bulette	38.00
George Penney	42.00
Vincent Sheehan	58.00
R. Liebfried	32.50
Donald MacDougall	36.00

Lester Stiles	22.00	
Waino Kangas	12.00	
Joseph Kuleisus	12.00	
Edwin Christofferson	4.80	
	<hr/>	1,187.50

Trucks

Wilho Anderson	\$148.75	
Hosea Gould	91.25	
Levi Perkins	100.00	
Ralph Jones	60.00	
Albert Gravlin	125.00	
Clarence Robbins	167.50	
Norman Livermore	3.00	
Arthur Jalonen	10.00	
	<hr/>	705.50

Equipment

Mass. Broken Stone Co., spreader	\$30.00	
Conant Machine Co., loader	21.00	
Clark Wilcox Co., sand spreader	20.50	
Town of Acton	90.60	
P. I. Perkins Co., grader	306.80	
	<hr/>	\$468.90
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		\$6,000.71

Chapter 90 Construction Main Street

Standard Oil of N. Y., road oil	\$1,037.23	
Wm. P. Proctor Co., lumber, cement	32.20	
Mass. Broken Stone Co., stone	2,182.39	
Edna Downey, sand	7.20	
Swen Hagen, gravel	125.50	
Jos. T. Ryerson Sons Inc., steel bars	57.36	
	<hr/>	\$3,441.88

Payrolls

Labor

William C. Kazokas, Supt.	\$477.00	
Edwin Anderson	304.00	
Edward Hall	192.80	
James Johnston	184.30	
R. Liebfried	19.00	
Thomas Murray	186.60	
Joseph Paskiewicz	170.40	
George Penney	114.40	
Andsel Smart	162.50	
George Downey	50.05	
Vincent Sheehan	145.00	
Donald MacDougall	60.80	
Albert Marsh	50.00	
C. Hewitt	11.20	
John Bradley	82.50	
Charles Byron	66.00	
Walter Boyce	12.00	
Waino Kangas	38.40	
Joseph Kuleisus	38.40	
Edwin Christofferson	88.00	
Will Charter	88.00	
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Trucks

Hosea Gould	\$320.75	
Albert Gravlin	404.00	
Ralph Jones	17.25	
Clarence Robbins	382.00	
Wilho Anderson	381.50	
Levi Perkins	62.50	
George Morse	147.00	
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Equipment

P. I. Perkins Co., grader	\$420.00
L. P. Boeske, shovel	468.75
Mass. Broken Stone Co., stone spreader	50.00

Conant Machine & Steel Co., loader	43.75		
Town of Acton, sundry equip- ment	318.00		
		1,300.50	
			\$8,998.73

Snow Removal

Ploughing Streets

John Pederson	\$966.00	
Levi Perkins	240.00	
Edwin Christofferson	557.38	
Davis Motor Co.	396.00	
Reed Coal & Grain Co.	237.00	
		\$2,396.38

Sanding and Cleaning Villages

Putting Up and Removing Snow Fences

Labor	\$1,430.00	
Trucks	995.65	
B. W. Brown Grain Co., salt ..	197.80	
Edna Downey, sand	63.40	
Conant Machine Co., loader ..	40.25	
Clark & Wilcox, rental sand spreader	80.00	
Road Builders' Supply Co., salt	52.00	
		2,859.10

Sundry Items and Equipment

P. I. Perkins Co., plough	\$460.00
E. P. Gates, blades, repairs	130.05
Conant Machine Co., parts	24.08
NuWay Welders Inc., welding	3.00
International Harvester Co., chain .....	.56
E. W. Systrom Co., parts	60.85
Hinds & Coon Co., belts	9.68
Maynard Supply Co.	1.32
Anderson Engineering Co., hinge	2.25

Bursaw Gas & Oil Co., gas	5.15	
Central Garage, gas, oil	3.75	
Acton Motor Co., welding	2.05	
A. W. Davis Co., enamel, brush-		
es	12.93	
Riverside Paint & Varnish Co.,		
enamel	12.47	
W. E. Aubuchon Co., chain links	1.62	
P. I. Perkins Co., runnbers, bolt	17.12	
Maynard & Acton Oil Co. Inc.,		
gas80	
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		\$6,003.16

Machinery Account

Colonial Beacon Co., oil	\$33.11
Pierce's Express50
American Chain Link Fence Co., drag	7.90
Central Garage	39.32
Laffin's Express	1.50
Frank T. Bauer, lanterns	13.20
State Prison, marking machines	85.00
Eastern Auto Parts, grease kit . . . . .	.20
Traffic & Road Equipment Co., steel	
brooms	25.35
Oilmen's Service & Supply Co.	6.75
New Idea Store, rubber coats	6.95
Auto Shop, repairs . . . . .	.25
Buff & Buff Mfg. Co., lerching rod	21.50
Great Roads Garage, anti-freeze	27.00
Ayer Motor Express . . . . .	.60
C. C. Cullinane, express . . . . .	.75
Parker Hardware Co.	14.12
Maynard Supply Co.	17.32
R. I. Perkins Co., parts	149.61
A. W. Davis Co., tools	23.10
Bursaw Gas & Oil Co., gas, oil	174.43
E. P. Gates, repairs	95.95
Conant Machine Co., parts	11.55

Acton Motor Co.	5.15	
Maynard & Acton Oil Co. Inc., gas	121.34	
Acton Pipe Co., pipe	9.99	
Hedge Mattheis Co., parts, equipment ...	28.17	
Wm. C. Kazokas, painting, repairing sand spreader	8.53	
Railway Express Agency	4.09	
Clark Wilcox Co., parts	64.93	
W. E. Aubuchon Co., twine	1.56	
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		\$999.72

Street Lighting

Boston Edison Co.	\$3,932.61
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Street Signs

Acton Pipe Co., pipe	\$249.44	
Laffin's Express	3.10	
State Prison, signs	224.40	
Pay Rolls, labor	43.30	
Lowell Iron & Steel Co., rods	4.97	
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		\$525.21

Public Welfare

Temporary Aid	\$3,406.55
Town of Westford	407.43
City of Somerville	210.84
Mass. Dept. of Public Welfare	275.15
City of Boston	129.40
City of Worcester	81.40
Town of Concord	35.12

Administrative

Hobbs & Warren Inc.	3.21	
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		\$4,549.10

Aid to Dependent Children

Orders of the Board of Public Welfare	\$3,083.04
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Old Age Assistance

Orders of the Supervisor of Old Age Assistance .	\$29,223.77
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Administrative Account

Carl E. Backman, salary, transportation ..	\$408.50	
Carl E. Backman, postage, tel.	41.98	
Carl E. Backman, attending convention at Springfield	10.00	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., forms, etc.	11.37	
Murphy & Snyder, letterheads, envelopes	8.51	
Wm. Henry Soar, postage	4.29	
Boston Council Social Agencies	8.00	
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Soldiers' Relief

Orders of Soldiers' Relief Agent	\$1,579.46
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Military Aid

Paid	\$495.00
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State Aid

Paid	\$180.00
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Education

Orders of School Committee as per their itemized report	\$47,369.01
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High School Addition

Byron L. Moore, contract	\$16,888.83	
Charles W. Way, architect	979.00	
O'Brien Russell, bond	251.52	
Orson K. Miller, fire insurance	41.92	
Chandler & Barber Co., hardware	184.25	
Mass. Reformatory	367.40	
Jos. Scarlata, repairing lockers	7.75	
Pettingell-Andrews Co., reflectors, etc. ..	121.00	
All Steel Equipment Co., lockers	674.60	
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Library Maintenance

Arthur F. Davis, librarian	\$122.50
Arthur F. Davis, binding, cataloging, post- age, etc.	61.36
Ralph Rogers, janitor	154.50

Ralph Rogers, repairs	5.50
Mrs. Oliver D. Wood, ass't. librarian	132.50
Boston Edison Co.	59.53
Boston Consolidated Gas Co.	331.21
Ida Costello, librarian, West library	10.20
Remington Rand Co., cards	2.85
Chester B. Robbins, insurance	30.93
West & South Water District	12.00
Ralph Anderson, librarian, South library	28.00
Ralph Anderson, fuel, transportation of books	7.50
A. Merriam Co., repairing chairs	16.45
News-Enterprise Co.	6.50
Katherine Kinsley, librarian	101.00
Katherine Kinsley, janitor, trans. books	36.40
Printers and Bindery Supply Co., supplies	3.47
Murphy & Snyder, slips	14.21
Nashoba Oil Co.	4.85
Winifred Sylvia, librarian, South library	78.00
Winifred Sylvia, transportation, fuel, etc.	31.25
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	\$1,250.71

Library Books

DeWolfe Fiske & Co.	\$20.90
H. R. Huntting Co.	103.26
Jean Karr Co.	20.35
New England News Co.	73.14
Union Library Ass'n.	20.38
Junior Literary Guild	55.50
Chemical Pub. C.	2.70
Ginn & Co.	2.48
Wilcox & Follett Co.	16.09
D. Van Nostrand Co.	4.73
Acton Woman's Club	2.70
Wilbur H. Siebert	3.34
Indian Council	2.00
Womrath Book Shops	33.59
Encyclopaedia Britannica	1.45
D. C. Heath	6.28

Jordan Marsh Co.	4.59
Noble & Noble	1.54
Osburn Publishing Co.	1.67
George H. W. Turner	2.00
Herman Goldberger Agency	39.50
Science Digest	2.50

\$420.69

Cemeteries

Fred S. Kennedy, labor	\$722.55
Fred S. Kennedy, truck	15.00
Fred S. Kennedy, supplies, gas, oil	15.83
Duncan Kennedy, labor	460.32
Joseph Gallant	10.00
Elwin Hollowell, labor	321.25
Elwin Hollowell, trucking	93.50
Edwin Hollowell, postage	6.00
Leonard Wooden, labor	146.00
C. Hollowell, labor	28.80
H. Hollowell, labor	8.00
George Tuttle, labor	23.00
Boston Edison Co.	9.75
West & South Water District	50.30
Holland Motor Co., gas, oil	13.33
Albert Batley & Son, flowers	34.36
Reed Coal & Grain Co., cement, fertilizer	46.00
Acton Pipe Co., bushing	70
C. B. Robbins, insurance	8.00
Albert Gravlin, trucking	22.25
Perry Seed Co., tools	6.42
James J. Knight, spraying	29.99
A. W. Davis Co., tools	13.35
George Cahoon, sharpening mowers	7.50
Thomas J. Grey Co., seed	18.90
Sudbury Nurseries, trees, shrubs	161.30
Murphy & Snyder, printing	13.00
Acton Monumental Co.	6.00
Hosea Gould, trucking, gravel, removing stumps	131.00

Jenks Tree Service, tree work	50.00	
Laffin's Express . . . . .	.35	
Power Lawn Mower Co., parts . . . . .	.95	
Jos. Harris Co., seed	10.50	
R. J. Rodday Co., tools	3.20	
E. P. Gates, repairs	12.50	
Horace Tuttle, writing and recording deeds	5.00	
		<hr/> \$2,504.90

Susan Hosmer Fund

Greenough Bros. Inc., removing stumps	\$104.00	
Sudbury Nurseries, Inc., trees	35.00	
Harlan E. Tuttle, tractor	24.00	
Power Lawn Mower Co., mower	148.85	
William Kazokas, labor	14.00	
P. I. Perkins Co., grader	42.00	
Flora Kilmartin, dressing	37.50	
Fraser Kennels, loam	26.40	
Hosea Gould, truck	80.00	
Reed Coal & Grain Co., lime	6.00	
Elwin Hollowell, labor	551.88	
Elwin Hollowell, trucking	76.00	
Leonard Warden, labor	380.00	
C. Hollowell, labor	4.80	
Fred S. Kennedy, labor	1.88	
		<hr/> \$1,532.31

Perpetual Care

Fred S. Kennedy, labor	\$307.63	
Duncan Kennedy, labor	226.75	
Elwin Hollowell, labor	366.25	
Leonard Wooden, labor	253.00	
George Tuttle, labor	44.00	
C. Hollowell, labor	25.60	
H. Hollowell, labor	4.00	
Reed Coal & Grain Co., fertilizer	109.56	
Albert Batley & Son, flowers	73.40	
		<hr/> \$1,410.19

Luke Blanchard Fund

Fred S. Kennedy, care of lots	\$25.00
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Art. 34—Shade Trees

Jenks Tree Service	\$297.63
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Work Relief

Surplus Commodities Division	\$182.11
Treasurer U. S. A. Music Project	15.00
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	\$197.11

Liability Insurance

Theron A. Lowden, premium	\$663.13
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Memorial Day

Hillside Florist, flowers	\$18.25
Geo. H. Finan, wreaths	8.50
William Cobleigh, flowers	21.78
Lovell Bus Lines, Inc., transportation	20.00
South Acton News Co., refreshments	38.20
Dorothy Davis, printing cards	2.50
Town Shop, flags	25.25
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., car-	
tridges	19.20
Newton Post 48, A. L. Band	100.00
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	\$253.68

Painting Town Hall—Art. 23

Barton Wheeler & Sons, contract	\$459.00
Barton Wheeler & Sons, setting glass	6.40
Samuel E. Knowlton, interior painting	118.00
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	\$583.40

New Seats for Town Hall—Art. 24

Mass. Reformatory	\$500.00
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Dog Officer

Fraser Kennels	\$200.75
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Jones Community Field

Eden Cahill, labor	\$62.50
William Bradley, labor	20.00

Osgood Tuttle, labor	17.00	
David Maguire, labor	9.00	
Ralph T. Jones, truck	5.00	
Morse Oil Co., gas, oil	23.85	
J. S. Moore, lock, can	1.65	
Chester M. Sawtelle, power mower	150.00	
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		\$289.00

1940 Bills

Arthur W. Lee, general gov't	\$22.00	
William B. Feeley, general gov't.	24.00	
Walter L. O'Neil, general gov't.	20.00	
J. G. Flynn, fire dept.	1.00	
Morse Oil Co., fire dept.	5.43	
Middlesex County Sanatorium, health	26.25	
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		\$98.68

Committee on Public Safety Defense

Mary Laffin, expenses to Boston, 20 trips	\$30.00	
T. C. Gallagher, stationery, postage	12.61	
American Woolen Co., blankets	140.00	
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		\$182.61

Unclassified

So. Acton Dept. Store, flags	\$18.20	
L. P. Townsend, circulars, postage a/c de- fense	5.99	
Commercial Supply, defense stickers	4.86	
C. A. Durkee Ins. Co., robbery insurance	50.00	
Horace F. Tuttle, releases, maps	3.80	
Duncan M. Ross, dinners	72.00	
Murphy & Snyder, printing, defense	4.50	
Dr. O. L. Clark, postage, supplies, etc., defense	20.80	
Howard A. Wilson, prof. services	15.00	
Acton Granite Co., boundary posts	3.50	
T. C. Gallagher, expenses, organizing 15th company, State Guard Reserves	16.75	
West Acton Woman's Club, rent of hall, defense	4.00	

W. Burton Harvey, perambulating town lines	20.00	
George Morse, perambulating town lines	10.00	
James E. Kinsley, perambulating town lines	20.00	
Leonard J. Smith, shovel, bulldozer	98.00	
Mabel Tobin, services a/c defense	15.00	
Mabel Tobin, certificates	1.00	
Murphy & Snyder, posters, defense	5.15	
	<hr/>	\$388.55

Notes and Bonds

Merchants National Bank, high school bonds	\$1,000.00
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Interest on Notes and Bonds

Merchants National Bank, high school bonds	\$200.00
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Interest on Revenue Loans

Merchants National Bank	\$62.50
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No Appropriation Items

Revenue Loans

Merchants National Bank	\$25,000.00
State tax	\$10,230.00
State park tax	144.11
State audit	684.82
State for certain bridges	306.42
County tax	5,892.62
County hospital assessment	944.26
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	\$18,202.23

Refunds

Motor Vehicles excise taxes	\$355.95	
Real estate taxes	145.41	
Poll taxes	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$505.36
Middlesex County Dog Licenses		\$833.00
Refund cemetery land fund		10.00
Tailings account		39.25

Certifying and printing high school notes	67.33	
Total expenditures	\$238,871.70	
Cash balance December 31, 1941	63,036.12	
		<u>\$301,907.82</u>

Statement of Reserve Fund Transfers

Moth department	\$250.00	
New hose	262.40	
Memorial Day	3.68	
Education	250.00	
Board of Health	209.74	
Building and Grounds	53.62	
Fire department	13.81	
New forest hose	3.59	
Highways, Village	48.16	
Highways, Chapter 81 . . . . .	.37	
Highways, Chapter 90 . . . . .	.71	
Snow removal	3.16	
Dog officer . . . . .	.75	
Cemetery	4.90	
Forest fires	872.05	
High school addition	16.71	
	<u>\$1,993.65</u>	
Unexpended balance	6.35	
		<u>\$2,000.00</u>

Statement of Machinery Fund

Balance January 1, 1941	\$889.90	
Received from Town of Acton	748.82	
		<u>\$1,638.72</u>
Tansferred to Road Machinery Account	\$851.52	
Balance December 31, 1941	787.20	
		<u>\$1,638.72</u>

Statement of Cemetery Land Fund

Balance January 1, 1941	\$67.35	
Received from sale of lots	167.00	
	<hr/>	\$234.35
Paid:		
Refund	\$10.00	
Balance December 31, 1941	224.35	
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Tax Titles	572.08	670.12	State and County Aid to High-	
Tax Title Possessions	73.28	73.28	ways	318.46
Tax Judgement — Motor Vehicle			Tailings	66.35
Excise Tax	502.62	502.62	Surplus Revenue	51,460.31
Departmental:				
Welfare	828.32	1,353.43		
Aid to Dependent Children	1,005.82			
Old Age Assistance	366.09	387.43		
State and Military Aid	606.00	447.50		
County Dog Account	64.00	66.00		
State Aid to Highways	318.46	4,552.15		
County Aid to Highways		2,259.39		
Overdrawn Accounts:				
Highways, Chapter 81	318.46			
Debt Account:				
Temporary (Highway)		10,000.00		
State and County Assessment		32.31		
	<u>\$95,191.19</u>	<u>\$119,847.02</u>		<u>\$95,191.19</u>
				<u>\$119,847.02</u>

Debt Accounts

	1940	1941		1940	1941
Net Funded Debt	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00	High School Bonds	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00	High School Additions Notes		16,000.00
				\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00

Trust Accounts

	1940	1941		1940	1941
Trust Funds Cash and Securities	\$191,114.39	\$192,677.82	Elizabeth White Charity Fund	\$26,390.97	\$26,581.52
			Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund	13,569.50	13,562.49
			Wilde Memorial Library Fund	14,488.32	14,390.00
			Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	2,003.40	2,238.53
			West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	699.99	622.24
			Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	45,775.01	46,583.32
			Cemetery Surplus Fund	1,003.37	1,023.53
			Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	1,499.77	1,505.13
			Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	82,308.52	82,554.52
			Sarah J. Green Cemetery Fund		151.00
			Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund	3,465.54	3,465.54
	\$191,114.39	\$192,677.82		\$191,114.39	\$192,677.82

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD L. JONES,
Town Accountant.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Department

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON

MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1941

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

Mr. Richard Lowden, Chairman	Term expires 1942
Mrs. Hazel O. Bundy	Term expires 1944
Miss Fannie Davis	Term expires 1943
Mr. Robert C. Hall	Term expires 1942
Mr. Edward A. Schmitz (until next election)	Term expires 1943
Mr. Walter B. Stevens	Term expires 1944

Meetings of the School Committee

Regular meetings of the school committee shall be held the first Tuesday of each month in the high school at 7:30 p.m. Exceptions may be made during July and August.

Superintendent Richard B. Greenman

Office: High School Building, Tel. 110

School Physician Dr. Ernest Mayell, Acton

School Nurse Mrs. Genevieve Creeley, West Acton

Attendance Officer Leonard Godfrey, West Acton

Custodians:

High School Daniel MacDougall

Center School Ralph Rogers

South School Benjamin Sawyer

West School Leonard Godfrey

Tentative Calendar for 1942

January 5—Schools open.

February 20—Schools close.

March 2—Schools open.

April 17—Schools close.

April 27—Schools open.

June 5—Elementary schools close.

June 12—High School Graduation.

June 19—High School closes.

September 9—High School opens.

September 14—Elementary Schools open.

October 12—Holiday (Columbus Day)

October 30—Teachers' Convention.
November 11—Holiday (Armistice Day)
November 26 and 27—Holidays (Thanksgiving).
December 18—All schools close
December 28—All schools open.

1943

January 1—Holiday.
February 19—Schools close.
March 1—Schools open.
April 16—Schools close.
April 26—Schools open.
May 31—Holiday (Memorial Day).
June 4—Elementary Schools close.
June 11—High School graduation.
June 18—High School closes.

No School Signal—Time 7:00 a.m. (all schools)

Acton Center, West Acton, and South Acton 2-2-2-2 blasts.

Special Signal—Time 11:45 a.m. (Grades 1-6)

All Precincts 2-2-2-2 blasts.

STANDING RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1. Admission to School

Children shall not be admitted to the public school until they are 5 years, 8 months of age on or before September 1, except in the case of those children 5 years, 6 months of age on September 1, whose mental age and physical condition are satisfactory. Ordinarily, entrance must come during the first two weeks of school. All children entering for the first time must present birth and vaccination certificates.

2. School Sessions

The total length of sessions shall be $5\frac{1}{4}$ hours in the elementary schools and 6 hours in the high school, with sufficient recesses. The doors of schools shall not be opened to pupils except by the principals or persons delegated by the principals.

3. School Busses

All pupils living a mile or more away from the schools they attend are entitled to bus transportation.. Bus pupils must meet the bus schedule and, while on the bus, conduct themselves properly.

4. Excuses for Absence and Tardiness

Pupils are expected to attend school regularly. They must present a written excuse signed by parent or guardian for each absence or tardiness.

5. Detention

Pupils may be detained after school in the afternoon not longer than 30 minutes in the elementary schools and for a longer period in the high school.

6. Contagious Diseases

State Laws: Chapter 71, Section 55; Chapter 76, Section 15.

“A child from a household where a person is ill with small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, or any other infectious or contagious disease, or from a household exposed to contagion from any such disease in another household, shall not attend any public school during such illness or exposure until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the local board of health, school physician or from the attending physician, stating that danger of conveying such disease by such child has passed.”

7. School Property

Pupils shall be held responsible for books loaned to them by the school authorities, and shall not mar or injure any form of school property.

8. Fire Drill

Fire drills shall be given at least once in two weeks in the elementary schools and at least once a month in the high school.

TEACHERS IN SERVICE

As of January 1, 1942

Center School

	<i>App.</i>	<i>Graduate of</i>	<i>Home Address</i>
Clayton E. Craig, Prin.	1941	Keene Normal School	South Acton
Helen Appleby	1936	Lesley Normal School	Concord
Ruth Berglind	1935	Lesley Normal School	South Acton

South School

Julia McCarthy, Prin.	1906	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Florence Merriam	1927	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Carolyn Tuttle, B.S.E.	1940	Fitchburg State College	South Acton
Louisa Wood, B.S.E.	1941	Hyannis State College	Acton Center

West School

Robert L. Perry, Prin., B.S.E.	1941	Bridgewater State College	Newtonville
Grace Callahan, B.S.E.	1935	Fitchburg State College	West Acton
Alice Feehan, B.S.E.	1938	Fitchburg State College	South Acton

High School

Richard B. Greenman, Prin., A.B., Ed.M.	1935	Harvard University	West Acton
Walter Holt, Asst. Prin., B.S., M.A.	1928	Dartmouth College	East Acton
Rebecca Bartlett, B.S.E.	1939	Framingham State College	Worcester
Margaret Boornazian	1929	Burdett College	Methuen
Cecelia Callahan, B.S.E.	1938	Fitchburg State College	West Acton
Ruth Eynon, B.S.E.	1941	Salem State College	Lynn
Robert Harris, A.B.	1940	Harvard University	Acton Center
Henry Hopkinson, L.L.B.	1930	Northeastern Law	West Acton
Marjorie Jones, B.S.	1931	Simmons College	South Acton
Kalervo Kansanniva, B.S.E.	1938	Fitchburg State College	West Acton
John Mitchell, B.S.E.	1939	Fitchburg State College	Worcester
Marion Towne, A.B.	1921	Smith College	Concord
Roger Walsh, Ph.B., Ed.M.	1941	Boston College	Allston

Supervisors

Rita O'Donnell, B.S.E.	1942	B. U. Sargent School	Dorchester
Constance Russo	1941	School of Practical Art	Waltham
Charles K. Yeremian	1941	Longy School of Music	Watertown

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Voters of Acton:

The school committee herewith submits its report with that of the superintendent for the year 1941. We believe that education is one of the greatest advantages of this great democracy.

Two committee members resigned during the year, Mr. Montague, and Mrs. Howe, the chairman. Their offices were filled by Mr. Schmitz and Mr. Robert Hall, the committee being unanimous in its approval of these candidates.

We wish to thank the voters and the special building committee for their help in obtaining the much needed addition to the high school.

Our budget for 1942 necessarily calls for an increase. We are planning to meet the exact needs of each department of the budget and expect to do the same in the future. This will mean a fluctuating budget from year to year as the needs in the departments change.

We are asking more for salaries so that we can pay teachers an amount equivalent to that which they would receive in other towns similar to ours.

The cost of stationery and supplies has increased about 25% and textbook prices are higher. We use more fuel with the new addition to the high school, and so an increase in these items is necessary.

Because of the lack of funds last year we were not able to paint and repair the school in South Acton. This work must be done this year.

The committee requests that you appropriate the sum of \$52,500 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. LOWDEN,

Chairman.

Comparison of Cost for Operating Acton Schools

Mass. School Fund	1941	1940	1939	1938
Part I	\$4,110.00	\$3,820.00	\$4,030.00	\$4,066.00
State and City Wards	950.46	986.59	869.58	796.38
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	\$5,060.46	\$4,806.59	\$4,899.58	\$4,862.38
Out-of-town tuition	*1,168.46	1,628.14	1,863.01	2,498.19
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	\$6,228.92	\$6,434.73	\$6,762.59	\$7,360.57
Expended from Approp.	47,369.01	46,883.36	47,071.61	47,098.63
Net cost to town	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$41,140.09	\$40,448.63	\$40,309.02	\$39,738.06
Appropriation	47,375.00	47,000.00	47,000.00	47,100.00
Special Appropriation				3,000.00
Transferred from Reserve			150.00	
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			\$47,150.00	

*Approximate amount. Any discrepancy between this amount and that in treasurer's report is due to the fact that only money received for tuition for the year 1941 is included here.

ACTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT Proposed Budget for 1942

	1941	1942
2. Supt. of Schools and General		
Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
3. Supervisors (3)	1,700.00	2,400.00
4. Principals		
High	1,000.00	1,000.00
Elementary	3,800.00	4,100.00
5. Teachers		
High	15,400.00	17,900.00
Elementary	7,500.00	7,800.00
6. Textbooks	700.00	800.00
7. Stationery and Misc. Supplies	1,200.00	1,500.00
8. Wages of Janitors	3,550.00	3,840.00
9. Fuel	1,800.00	2,180.00
10. Janitors' Supplies and Power	950.00	1,200.00
11. Repairs	1,150.00	1,300.00
12. Libraries	50.00	55.00
13. Health	300.00	300.00
14. Transportation	5,037.50	5,000.00
15. Sundries	112.50	125.00
16 and 17. Vocational Education	250.00	500.00
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	\$47,000.00	\$52,500.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES FOR SUPPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1941

Salary and Expenses of Superintendent	\$2,144.81
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Expenses of Instruction

Salaries of Teachers, Supervisors, and Principals:

Supervisors	\$1,650.00
Principal of High School	791.61
Principal of Elementary Schools	3,680.00
High School Teachers	15,455.44
Elementary Teachers	6,999.00

————— \$28,576.05

High School Textbooks	\$394.30
Elementary Textbooks	498.89
High School Stationery and Supplies	1,232.77
Elementary Stationery and Supplies	463.50

————— \$2,589.46

Expenses of Operation

High School:

Wages of Janitor	\$1,350.00
Fuel	677.98
Miscellaneous	787.32

————— \$2,815.30

Elementary:

	South	West	Center	Total
Wages of Janitor	\$776.00	\$776.00	\$696.00	\$2,248.00
Fuel	315.49	401.48	202.15	919.12
Miscellaneous	181.36	160.11	138.36	479.83
	<u>\$1,272.85</u>	<u>\$1,337.59</u>	<u>\$1,036.51</u>	<u>\$3,646.95</u>

Maintenance and Repairs

High School	\$1,325.40
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Elementary:

South	West	Center
\$80.56	\$470.84	\$97.36

————— 648.76

Total Maintenance and Repairs	\$1,974.16
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Auxiliary Agencies

Health	\$263.92	
Libraries	47.68	
Transportation	5,000.00	
Vocational Education	183.11	
Miscellaneous	127.57	
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		\$5,622.28
Total Expended		\$47,369.01
Unexpended Balance		5.99
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Appropriation		\$47,375.00

PAID FOR SUPPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1941

Superintendent, Salary and Travelling Expenses ..		\$1,780.09
Secretary		122.72
Office Expenses:		
Bostitch Boston Inc., staples	\$2.65	
Walter Campbell, drawing	20.00	
John Enneguess, envelopes .....	.64	
J. L. Hammett Co., envelopes	3.43	
Richard Greenman, petty cash advance	15.00	
Leonard Godfrey, attendance officer ...	40.00	
Walter Hall, petty cash advance	15.00	
Frank Johnson, elementary record cards	2.12	
Noble & Noble, vocational books	3.52	
Katherine Kinsley, census	35.00	
Murphy & Snyder, record cards	26.90	
News-Enterprise	1.50	
J. S. Moore	5.75	
Post Office, envelopes	39.17	
Samuel's, pictures	6.00	
Wright & Potter, account blanks	6.17	
Yawman & Erbe, file cabinet	19.15	
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		\$242.00
Total General Control		\$2,144.81

Expenses of Instruction

Supervisor's Salary, Drawing	\$525.00	
Supervisor's Salary, Music	570.00	
Supervisor's Salary, Physical Education ..	555.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,650.00
Principal's Salary, High School		791.61
High School Teachers' Salaries:		
Rebecca Bartlett	\$1,070.00	
Margaret Boornazian	1,500.00	
Elinor Brown	660.00	
Cecelia Callanan	400.00	
Ruth Eynon	400.00	
Richard Greenman	90.00	
Robert Harris	1,397.00	
Walter Holt	1,960.00	
Henry Hopkinson	1,700.00	
Marjorie Jones	1,245.44	
Kalervo Kansanniva	1,120.00	
John Mitchell	1,260.00	
Eleanor Thompson	605.00	
Marion Towne	1,500.00	
Roger Walsh	480.00	
Mrs. M. F. Marble, substitute	28.00	
Louise Price, substitute	5.00	
Marion Quimby, substitute	35.00	
	<hr/>	\$15,455.44
Principals' Salaries, Elementary:		
Ruth Berglind	\$400.00	
Clayton Craig	480.00	
Theodore Ehrhardt	720.00	
Kalervo Kansanniva	240.00	
Julia McCarthy	1,400.00	
Robert Perry	440.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,680.00
Elementary Teachers' Salaries:		
Helen Appleby	\$920.00	
Ruth Berglind	620.00	
Cecelia Callanan	540.00	

Grace Callanan	1,015.00	
Alice Feehan	882.00	
Jennie Gleason	425.00	
Florence Merriam	1,250.00	
Carolyn Tuttle	820.00	
Louisa Wood	518.00	
Mrs. Clayton Craig, substitute	4.00	
Anna Macone, substitute	5.00	
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		\$6,999.00

High School Textbooks

American Book Company	\$27.41	
Allyn & Bacon	5.49	
Edward E. Babb & Co., Inc.	2.96	
M. Barrows & Co.	2.28	
Dura Binding Co.	45.55	
Dodd, Mead & Co.	2.54	
D. C. Heath & Co.	63.60	
Gregg Publishing Co.	12.71	
Funk & Wagnalls	16.11	
Ginn & Co.	62.54	
Harcourt, Brace & Co. ....	.78	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	1.37	
International Textbook Co.	16.08	
J. B. Lippincott	7.66	
Manual Arts Press	3.77	
McCormick-Mathers Co.	11.98	
Noble & Noble .....	.80	
Rand McNally Co.	51.07	
Chas. Scribner's Sons	21.90	
D. Van Nostrand Co.	2.05	
Macmillan Co.	10.38	
Prentice-Hall, Inc.	14.10	
Silver, Burdett Co.	1.92	
South-Western Pub. Co.	7.54	
John Wiley & Sons	1.71	
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		\$394.30

Elementary Textbooks

Allyn & Bacon	\$5.27
American Book Co.	34.86
Arlo Publishing Co.	3.06
D. C. Heath Co.	5.58
Dura Binding Co.	45.56
Ginn & Co.	47.49
Harper & Bros.	1.70
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	30.01
Iroquois Pub. Co.	17.82
Little, Brown & Co.	6.65
John C. Winston Co.	26.36
Junior Literary Guild	1.27
Harcourt, Brace & Co.	2.88
Macmillan Co.	49.71
Chas. E. Merrill .....	.73
Chas. Scribner's Sons	2.87
Noble & Noble	20.33
Scott, Foresman & Co.	188.57
Silver, Burdett Co.	8.17

\$498.89

High School Stationery and Supplies

A. B. Dick Co., stencils	\$25.73
Athletic Trainer's Supply, phys. ed. ma- terial	8.27
Acton Athletic Assoc., due on basketball	26.48
ATS Co., athletic letters	5.26
Boston Consolidated Gas Co.	45.67
Boston Music Co.	1.25
Brodhead-Garrett Co., Ind. Arts	66.49
Chicago Apparatus Co., lab. supplies	1.88
Central Scientific Co., lab. supplies	30.43
Denholm & McKay, dish towels	5.00
Fitchburg Hardware, Ind. Arts	13.58
Edward E. Babb & Co., paper supplies	63.29
J. L. Hammett Co., paper supplies	70.68
George T. Blake, Ind. Arts	2 40

Central Electrical Supply Co., Ind. Arts	3.10
J. F. McGuinness, Ind. Arts	3.10
M. E. Manning, maps	7.00
Milton Bradley Co., drawing supplies	102.06
Murphy & Snyder	4.25
Lull & Hartford, baseball material	39.40
National Educ. Assoc., charts	1.72
Remington Rand, Inc.	154.00
Royal Typewriter Co.	154.00
Sawyer's, Ind. Arts	1.40
South-Western Publishing Co., type work- books	14.02
Schoolcrafters, paper, supplies	89.28
Henry S. Wolkins, paper, supplies	50.65
Science Research Assoc., occupational outlines	27.25
Sears, Roebuck Co., hectograph, motor	15.60
Taylor Instrument Co., charts	5.07
Underwood Typewriter Co.	154.00
Waite Hardware, Ind. Arts	10.26
Priscilla Cleansing Co.	30.20
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Elementary Stationery and Supplies

Ruth Berglind, hectograph material	\$2.74
Edward E. Babb & Co., Inc., paper, supplies	68.27
Gledhill Bros., paper, supplies	32.63
J. L. Hammett Co., paper, supplies	71.80
Houghton Mifflin Co., charts, spellers	2.32
Laidlaw Bros., workbooks	5.10
McCormick-Mathers Co.	9.87
Milton Bradley Co., drawing supplies	142.41
National Education Assoc.	.44
Henry S. Wolkins, paper, supplies	50.66
Russell Sage Foundation, pamphlet	1.63
Schoolcrafters, paper, supplies	75.63
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High School Operating Expense

Daniel MacDougall, Janitor	\$1,350.00
Fuel	677.98
Miscellaneous:	
American Brush Co., mops, floor brushes	\$24.86
A. W. Davis Co., shovels, nails, paint, glue, etc.	31.10
A. P. W. Paper Co., toilet paper towels ..	49.00
Boston Edison Co.	394.62
Edward E. Babb & Co., thermometers, blotters	14.93
C. B. Dolge Co., oil, colorock	19.02
Haymarket Hardware, fire extinguisher ..	6.50
A. C. Gilbert, ashes	7.00
Laffin's Garage, gas, oil	7.50
Joe Gallant	32.00
William Horner, drain solvent, soap ...	14.75
Masury-Young, soap	9.86
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.	81.61
Porter-Cable Machine Corp.	10.32
Standard Cotton Goods Co.	10.13
Strong's Market, ammonia, spray	4.66
Cypras Kazokas, removal of rubbish ..	10.00
Parker Hardware, locks, keys	15.81
New Idea, overalls	2.98
West and South Water Supply	40.67
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	\$787.32
Total High School Operating Expense	\$2,815.30

Elementary Operating Expense

	South	West	Center	Total
Janitors	\$776.00	\$776.00	\$696.00	\$2,248.00
Fuel	315.49	401.48	202.15	919.12
Miscellaneous:				
Boston Edison Co.	\$58.01	\$45.26	\$24.69	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	28.06	28.21	29.51	
William Horner	4.93	4.91	4.91	
Standard Cotton Goods ..	3.38	3.37	3.37	

Strong's Market	4.85		
West and South Water			
Supply	17.52	14.98	16.30
Masury-Young	3.29	3.28	3.28
American Brush Co.	8.29	8.29	8.28
A. P. W. Paper Co.	17.00	16.00	16.00
A. W. Davis Co., paint,			
glass		12.65	5.15
C. B. Dolge Co.	4.59	4.58	4.58
Edward E. Babb & Co.	.73	.73	.73
J. S. Moore, pails	9.66	1.50	
Parker Hardware, bolts	2.06		
Haymarket Hardware,			
fire extinguisher		6.50	
Bursaw Gas & Oil Co.		3.00	4.50
Benj. Sawyer, glass	10.00		
Wm. P. Proctor Co.,			
weights	6.44		
Ralph Piper	7.40		
Mrs. Joe. DeSouza		2.00	
R. J. Rodday, chair braces			13.06
N. Livermore			4.00

	\$181.36	\$160.11	\$138.36	\$479.83
Total Elementary Operating Expense				\$3,646.95

High School Maintenance and Repairs

Allen Chair Corp.	\$6.00
Avery & Murphy, bell, keys	1.25
American Floor Surfacing Machine Co.,	
sander, discs	60.01
Boston Typewriter Co., repairs	15.75
Gledhill Bros.	15.30
Denholm & McKay, curtain rods	1.09
Boston Staminite	17.50
International Bus. Machines Corp., clocks	51.00
Arthur L. Freese	57.65
Edward E. Babb & Co., Inc., shades	113.53

E. H. Sheldon Co., lab. sinks	46.55	
Harold Day, map repairs	3.50	
Frank E. Fitts Manuf. and Supply Co., mats	31.70	
International Engineering Works, locker plates	5.29	
Samuel Knowlton, painting	91.75	
Irvine Astwood, smoke pipe	30.00	
B. A. King, electrical	11.53	
W. A. Freeman	23.97	
Maynard Machine Co., sharpen lawn mower	4.00	
Ralph Rogers, phonograph	2.00	
Taylor Instrument Co., lab. clock	3.61	
Waite Hardware, Ind. Arts	118.25	
West Disinfecting Co., filpor, paint	34.85	
Mass. Reformatory, audit. and Ind. Arts chairs	46.73	
Middlesex Laundry .....	.30	
J. T. Newcomb Co., knob spindles	1.13	
Parker Hardware, bell, keys	14.57	
Wm. P. Proctor Co., glass, nails, Ind. Arts	36.34	
Walter Goss, tune piano	9.00	
Wolverine Brass Works, spring	1.40	
Niagara Machine & Tool Works, Ind. Arts	116.90	
Byron L. Moore, wall, roof, heating	266.70	
P. A. Dolan Co., radiator	10.00	
George Rifford, valve discs	2.50	
James Wilkinson & Company	73.75	
		\$1,325.40

Elementary Maintenance and Repairs

	South	West	Center	Total
Reformatory for Women, flags	3.47	3.47	3.47	
J. S. Moore, pail, black- boards	5.55			
Wm. P. Proctor Co.	4.93	49.85	8.64	
Avery & Murphy, bell	1.25			

George Reed, fertilizer	3.74	3.73	3.73
B. A. King, electrical	3.13	2.15	
Benjamin Sawyer, black-boards	27.30		
Irvine Astwood, furnace	29.69	7.66	
A. W. Davis Co., spring, glass		3.60	.60
W. A. Freeman		2.03	
W. B. Holt, pipe		2.00	
Henry Thatcher, porch		2.00	
George Janvrin		1.50	8.75
Paul E. Dutelle Co., roof		374.00	
Leonard Godfrey		18.85	
Ruth Berglind, curtain			2.42
Samuel Knowlton, Painting			43.00
Maynard Supply, socket			3.40
David Lawson			3.20
So. Acton Woolen Co., cinders	1.50		
Ralph Rogers			20.15
	\$80.56	\$470.84	\$97.36

Total Elementary Maintenance and Repairs \$648.76

Auxiliary Agencies

Health:

Dr. Ernest Mayell, examinations in high and elementary schools	\$250.00	
Beardsell Dry Cleaning	1.30	
Middlesex Laundry	12.62	
		\$263.92

Libraries:

Civic Education Service, library magazines	4.20	
Gaylord Bros., library cards	7.30	
G. P. Putnam's Sons	2.08	
Herman Goldberger Agency, magazines	32.90	
School Publications, library magazine	1.20	
		\$47.68

Transportation:

Ormal Laffin	\$5,000.00
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Vocational Education:

Middlesex County, Tuition of Thomas Mitchell	\$63.71
City of Waltham, Tuition of Calvin Lowell, Horace Butler, Lincoln Soares, Allen Jensen, Harry Scribner	119.40
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	\$183.11

Miscellaneous:

A B & C Transportation Company	\$1.22
Ayer Motor Express30
Boston and Maine R. R. ....	.85
Commissioner of Public Safety, boiler inspection	5.00
C. C. Cullinane	10.10
Denholm & McKay, diploma ribbons ..	8.50
Dewick & Flanders, Inc., transportation bond	37.50
H. V. Church, National Honor Society pins	10.00
Murphy & Snyder, graduation tickets, programs	10.50
Pierce's Express50
Raynard's Express	1.75
Tackney's Express50
Vannah Lithograph Co.	40.85
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	\$127.57

Total Expended	\$47,369.01
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Unexpended Balance	5.99
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Appropriation	\$47,375.00
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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Committee
Acton, Massachusetts.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1941.

In March, 1941, Mrs. Hazel O. Bundy and Mr. Walter B. Stevens were elected to succeed Mrs. Otis Reed and Mr. Samuel Knowlton. Mrs. Leland Howe was elected Chairman, and the Superintendent was elected Clerk, of the School Committee. Because Mr. Everett Montague and Mrs. Leland Howe changed their residence, Mr. Edward Schmitz and Mr. Robert C. Hall were appointed to serve until the next regular town election. Mr. Lowden was elected chairman to succeed Mrs. Howe.

Teachers

The following teachers terminated their service with the Acton School Department on or after the close of school in June, 1941: Mr. Theodore Ehrhardt (military service), Miss Elinor Brown (resigned to accept a position in Plymouth), Miss Elynor Thompson (to be married), Mr. John Moran (resigned to accept a position in Adams), Mr. Frank Braman (change of employment), Miss Arlene Hanson (to be married), and Mr. Robert Perry (called by naval reserve).

The following teachers were transferred in the Acton School Department: Mr. Greenman to be superintendent, Mr. Holt to be assistant principal, Mr. Kansanniva to teach Social Studies in the high school, Miss Cecelia Callanan to teach junior high school subjects, Miss Tuttle to teach Grades 5 and 6 in the South School, and Miss Wood to teach remedial work. Because of an increased enrollment, Miss Callanan became an additional teacher in the high school.

The following teachers were engaged to serve in the Acton School Department in or after September, 1941: Miss Ruth Eynon, Commercial subjects; Mr. Clayton E. Craig, Principal of Center School; Mr. Robert L. Perry, Principal of West School;

Miss Constance Russo, Art Supervisor; Mr. Charles Yeremian, Music Supervisor; Miss Rita O'Donnell, Physical Education Supervisor; Mr. Roger T. Walsh, English and Coaching; and Mr. Ralph B. Hayes, Principal of West School. He is a graduate of Castleton, Vermont, Normal School, and a teaching principal with eight years of experience.

Mr. Ehrhardt and Mr. Perry are both on leave of absence because of military service.

The prospects for teacher turnover before the end of the school year 1941-1942 continue, for Miss Appleby has resigned and two of the men may be in military service. With a turnover of ten or eleven teachers, over one-third of our staff, the need is clear for increasing salaries enough to attract and retain strong teachers. Minimum and maximum salaries for men and women, with annual increments, should be set up, the minimum depending on training and experience. An unofficial schedule, representing only a general policy, is suggested: \$250-\$1,350 for women and \$1,000-\$1,500 for principals in the elementary schools; and \$1,100-\$1,600 for women and \$1,300-\$1,800 for men in the high school.

Enrollment

The enrollment increased from 501 on October 1, 1940, to 529 on October 1, 1941, of which 247 were in the high school and 282 were in the elementary schools. A considerable number of students enter and leave during the year. In the fall five boys left to enter the Waltham Trade School. With new families moving to Acton for permanent residence, a slight increase in enrollment may be expected.

Finances

Economy was practiced in several ways by omitting the testing program, the use of educational films, and the painting of the South School. Most of the allotment for elementary repairs went for a rear gutter, long needed, at the West School. This work was done along with other projects to increase safety in the schools, as recommended by the chief of the fire department.

Although an adequate amount is set aside for normal

maintenance, emergency outlays must be expected for such items as the following: flashing on high school skylights; defective furnaces, water pipes and floors in the elementary schools; and painting the South School. The need continues for painting corridors in the West School and for improvement of lighting in all schools by the use of 150-watt bulbs.

An increase is requested this year primarily to retain and attract strong teachers, if the town is to maintain good schools. It is the wish of every parent to secure for each child the best possible education, and this can be achieved only when teachers remain to build up a strong educational system and morale.

Elementary Education

The elementary schools continue to stress the fundamentals, with special emphasis on reading. Under consideration is a single new English text to replace a variety of texts now in use, so that all students entering high school may have the same training. Miss Louisa Wood has been doing excellent remedial work, at one time spending a day and one-half in each building each week, but later resuming the plan for a remedial class in the South School, with pupils coming from other schools when transportation is possible. One child confined to her home on account of rheumatic fever is taught twice a week by Miss Wood.

Secondary Education

In order to strengthen the high school training, all students are required to take at least four prepared subjects daily and the points required for graduation are increased from 114 to 120. This program is easily within the reach of an average student.

High School Addition

Reports from several teachers follow, showing the benefits of the high school addition.

Typewriting Department:

The new arrangement for the typewriting department has greatly increased its efficiency. The anteroom makes it possible for students who have missed work because of absence to make it up during any of their free periods. Mimeo-

graph work for the school office and various organizations of the town is also done here without complete disruption of classes, as has been necessary heretofore. The six new machines make it possible for more students to take typewriting.

Home Economics Department:

The work of the home economics department has been improved this year by the addition of a sewing room apart from the foods laboratory. This has eliminated the crowded working area for the girls in their foods work, particularly during the lunch preparation period. With less confusion in the room it is easier to clean up after lunch.

In the clothing classes there has also been a marked improvement. New chairs and tables have given more comfortable and suitable seating for sewing work. The benefit of this is apparent in the general improvement in the quality of work and in time required to complete a project.

The prices of foods in the lunch room were raised in order to give the students the same quality and quantity as in the past. There has been some criticism of this rise in price, but the small balance shown in the financial report below shows the need for the increase.

Balance on hand, January 1, 1941	\$19.52	
Total Sales for 1941	1,762.83	
Total expense for 1941		1,771.32
Balance on hand, January 1, 1942		11.03
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	\$1,782.35	\$1,782.35

Industrial Arts Department:

Mr. Mitchell's report shows the modern trend toward a general shop program in schools like ours.

"Briefly, the changes resulting from our increased shop facilities are as follows:

First: The physical set-up of the shop or laboratory, as it is now called, is divided in unit areas of work, such as wood, both machine and hand; metals, sheet, bench, foundry, and machine lathe operation; electrical, both house and bell wiring; ceramics, chiefly cement; finishing; planning and

drawing. There are approximately 52 working stations which are adequate for a class of 20 boys or girls. Each unit area has its own tool panels or cabinets, thus eliminating a wasteful amount of walking. The planning and drawing center has been added because of the need for quiet, for freedom from dust, and for a suitable room to do the planning, reading, and drawing necessary in the process of making any article. The ceiling of the laboratory is sound deadened to prevent disturbing noises from permeating the building.

Second: The working equipment has been increased by the addition of a circular saw and jointer for woodworking; roll former, for rolling sheet metals and wire into cylindrical shapes; combination rotary machine used for burring, turning wire edges, crimping and beading sheet metals; stake plate holder and stakes used in sheet metal work. More emphasis is being placed on metal because of the need for instruction along this line. A few hand tools for use in wood and metal were also added. Drawing benches for use in the planning center were made to meet the need for proper drawing facilities. Arm chairs with writing tablets were also added to make writing and sketching easier.

Third: The courses have been rearranged so that boys in the 7th grade receive a general course in drawing, woodwork, and metal; in the 8th grade, drawing, woodwork, metal work, and electricity. In the 9th grade, the course is general mechanical drawing and home mechanics. In the high school grades, shop subjects are elective, boys being able to choose a definite type of work in which they are interested. Projects made in the 7th and 8th grades are chosen because of their instructional, practical, and aesthetic values; however, freedom in the selection of projects in later years is left to the individual himself. Required of all, nevertheless, is a working drawing and bill of material, which give the boy or girl an opportunity to perform each step in making an article from the first drawing to the final product.

It is not enough that a student make an article; a well educated person knows not only the "what" of his subject, but

also the "whys," "hows," and "wherefores." Thus, along with the making of an article, related information, occupational surveys, and consumer knowledge are integrated. It is well to note here that industrial arts education and vocational education do not mean one and the same thing. The former is a part of general education as are English and mathematics, and it is necessary for the making of a well-educated individual; the latter, however, is specialized training in one's future life work. This has no place in the program of general education; its place is in the program of trade or vocational education.

In connection with course and class arrangements the following has been inaugurated this year and is proving highly successful. Each class now has its own shop period or periods. No longer are there three grades mixed together as in previous years, a condition which prevented effective instruction.

Class shop organization has been assigned to responsible individuals who are known as shop superintendents and foremen. This type of organization known as "pupil personnel" is most widely used and develops responsibility, co-operation, good work habits, and proper shop attitude and conduct. The plan has not been too successful, however, because of the lack of proper student leadership.

Fourth: The mechanical drawing branch of Industrial Arts has been improved with the new drawing room. The type of work produced is proof that a need has been answered. The types of drawing being taught are general mechanical drawing, architectural drafting, machine drafting, and aeronautical drafting. Though the number of students electing the latter type of drafting are few now, the future outlook is much better.

One observation, though not encouraging, must be made. Boys are not totally appreciative of the opportunities which are available to them. The attitude that they must be paid for doing that which they are sent to school to do, must be broken down. Efforts to break this attitude are proving most difficult unless full co-operation is obtained from parents of the students."

Health

Health services in the schools are at a high standard because of the vigilance of Doctor Mayell and Mrs. Creeley, and because of co-operation on the part of the teachers and parents. Milk is bought or given (328 quarts in 1941) in the elementary schools, thanks to several local organizations.

Doctor McNally held his dental clinic as usual last year and will return in February, 1942. The financial report for 1941 follows:

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Expenditures</i>	
Jan. 1, 1941. Cash on hand	\$5.01	April 1, 1941, Dr. McNally	\$100.00
Jan. 3, P. T. A., play	102.00	May 12, Dr. McNally	50.00
During year, money paid by parents ..	158.65	Sept. 12, Dr. McNally	91.25
		Jan. 1, 1942, Balance on hand	24.41
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	\$265.66		\$265.66

Physical Education

The report of Miss O'Donnell follows:

"The importance of physical education in the schools is more than ever recognized in times of national emergency. The efficiency of our men and women depends on sound physical development, a result which can be achieved only by an adequate and consistent program of physical education through the schools.

The physical education program for the lower grades comprises marching, exercises, mimetics, story plays and games adapted to the grades. The fundamental aims are the development of good posture, muscular co-ordination and imagination. In the high school the two periods a week are devoted to marching tactics, exercises, dancing, and the development of the technical skills used in the various sports. The sports program varies with the season and includes field hockey, basketball, volley ball, baseball, and hiking.

Besides the practical activity, theoretical instruction is given on health habits, life saving, and first aid.

A schedule of inter-school basketball is arranged for high school pupils; participation in these competitive games is an incentive to pupils to develop skillful techniques, team play, and good sportsmanship.

Some suggestions include:

1. Compulsory uniforms for all class work, allowing sufficient time for parents to procure these.
2. Athletic uniforms to be purchased by the A. A. for girls' field hockey and basketball teams, those to remain the property of the A. A.
3. Point system to be established for the awarding of school emblems.
4. Extra curricular activities to include group skating and other winter sports."

Mr. Walsh, an experienced coach and performer in several sports, has renewed interest in six-man football and basketball. The boys have responded with enthusiasm and already have performed with credit.

Acton High School Athletic Association—1941

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Expenditures</i>	
Cash on hand, Jan- 1, 1941	\$36.13	Supplies	\$90.05
Bus receipts	81.68	Transportation	148.50
Gate receipts	74.60	Referees	107.00
Dog show receipts	8.86	Cleansing	10.05
Magazine receipts	152.11	Tax	9.33
Candy receipts	41.97	Miscellaneous	15.57
Dances	81.26	Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1942	198.59
A. A. dues	74.93		
Miscellaneous	27.55		
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\$579.09		\$579.09	

Art and Music

In art Miss Russo is developing a general course. Freedom of expression is emphasized in the elementary grades as fundamentals of line, form, and color are taught, the chief topics being animals, action figures, design, and appreciation of art. The object here is expression of the child, for without it he would not enjoy the beauty in his surroundings.

In the high school free expression is again the guiding principle. Pupils receive full instruction on the fundamentals of line, form, and color, including design, figure sketching, lettering, interior decorating, fashion drawing, plants, perspective, history of art, and appreciation of surroundings.

Mr. Yeremian reports good progress in music:

1. A course of study for Grades 1-12 is being developed to insure uniform training in the entire school system including vocal music, theory, instrumental music, and music appreciation.
2. The high school now has an orchestra of over 20 students and it is still growing. Through the P. T. A. music fund the school now owns two tympani, a trombone, several violins, toy symphony instruments for each elementary school, and another piano for the West School.
3. Our music department is in urgent need of textbooks and music.
4. The morale in all music groups is improving, thanks to the co-operation of parents and members of the school organization.

P. T. A.

Several projects sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association have been of great benefit to the pupils. Hot lunches are served at the town hall to Center School children, weekly dancing classes are held in the high school, the grand piano is being reconditioned, and over \$275, raised by a newspaper collection is being spent for orchestral instruments. Mrs. Henry Engman, president, has continued the good work of this organization and has seen the membership increase to more than 225 paid members.

Guidance

To help students select their careers a series of talks by representatives of various colleges and business schools was arranged, and several vocational films were shown. Mechanical aptitude tests were given in the high school to interest boys in defense industries. The school office enabled a number of girls to secure summer employment. A \$50 scholarship, offered by the Acton Center Woman's Club, was awarded to Anne Haggarty, who entered Salem Teachers College; and Priscilla Gleason received a \$100 scholarship from the New England Conservatory of Music.

Conclusion

- I. If our schools are to render better service to the town, two fundamental problems should receive attention:
 1. The budget should be flexible enough to provide salaries that will attract and hold strong teachers.
 2. The co-operation of all parents is needed in matters of discipline to insure morale, particularly in the high school. If difficulties should arise, parents are urged, before drawing a conclusion, to consult the teachers and principals.
- II. The past year has been marked by many adjustments in the school department, some brought about by the high school addition, and others by changes in the committee and staff. Through this period, the superintendent has appreciated the co-operation of parents, teachers, and janitors and the excellent support of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. GREENMAN,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Richard B. Greenman
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report as school physician.

The yearly physical examinations of all the pupils in the schools was complete in October.

The diphtheria immunization clinic was held in May and the pre-school clinic was conducted in June.

In March we had some cases of measles in the West and South Schools, and in the Center School we had two cases of scarlet fever in November; but by prompt isolation and quarantine we were able to control the disease.

At a joint meeting of the superintendents and school physicians of Middlesex County held at Concord in November, the reasons for so many rejections in the selective service draft were discussed, and I feel that the concensus of the medical men was that the cause of some of these conditions occurred after the school age.

A detailed report of the results of the physical examinations will be found in the nurse's report.

We appreciate the improvements made in the nurse's room at the high school.

Again I wish to thank the superintendent, teachers, nurse, and the townspeople for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. MAYELL, M. D.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Richard B. Greeman
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as school nurse. It has been my desire to prevent illness among the school population through the promotion of good health habits and health consciousness on the part of pupils. Seasonal colds and illnesses do interrupt school attendance and have been unusually severe this winter.

The schedule for school visits remains the same as last year, the high school at 9 a.m. and the elementary schools from 1-2 p.m. Absences are checked and any child who may be ill is taken home. The visits to the elementary schools may not always adhere to schedule as it often seems advisable to combine a school visit with a sick call in the same vicinity, thus saving time and mileage. When there has been a case of communicable disease, the school physician examines pupils in their classes as frequently as necessary, thus effectively controlling the spread. Doctor Mayell gave all pupils a physical examination in the fall, advising parents by card of any serious defects discovered.

Although I feel that school health has been improved, much remains to be done, especially as regards care of teeth. The School Dental Clinic cannot include high school pupils in its schedule because there is not time. The dentist feels that his time is best devoted to the pupils of the lower grades. The high school pupils have been urged to see a dentist at least once a year. In many instances very little work is needed to keep the teeth in good condition. The school dentist has not yet made his annual visit, but is expected in the early spring. The State Department of Health has offered to make a survey of our dental needs. Recommendations made by this survey

will help us to develop the type of dental clinic best suited to our pupils.

Vision tests were given to all pupils by the teachers and re-tests were made when necessary. A new test of vision, which exposes defects that the older type Snellen test has failed to show, is being considered.

The importance of our Diphtheria Clinic was emphasized this year. A case of diphtheria made mothers unusually anxious to have the protective treatment given to their children. Nursing services in the schools include first aid, simple dressings, and assistance to the school physician and the school dentist. I would ask parents to be aware of the possibility of a contagious disease when children are ill, thus avoiding exposure of others.

My work for the year is as follows:

Pupil inspections	1892
Simple dressings	471
First aid	22
Pupils taken home ill	39
Pupils taken to clinic	26
Home visits	211

I wish to express my appreciation to you and to the teachers for your support in this school health program.

Respectfully submitted,

GENEVIEVE J. CREELEY, R. N.

Acton High School
GRADUATION PROGRAM

Friday, June 13, 1941
High School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

ENTRANCE MARCH OF SENIORS

Priests' March *Mendelssohn*
Mrs. Leonard A. Godfrey

INVOCATION

The Reverend Lynne P. Townsend

SALUTATORY

Doris M. Towne

ESSAY—These Things Called Books

Anne M. Haggarty

CHORUS OF SENIOR CLASS

To Thee, O Country *Julius Eichberg*

ESSAY—The Federal Bureau of Investigation

Earle C. Harriman

PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT

Betty Marble

Vice-President of the Senior Class

ESSAY—The Lighthouse at Minot's Ledge

Dorothy E. Bond

VALEDICTORY

Anne M. Haggarty

CLASS SONG

Music: Priscilla Gleason

Words: Raymond Reynolds

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Supt. Richard B. Greenman

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Mrs. Leland F. Howe

FINALE MARCH

Pomp and Circumstance *Elgar*

RECEPTION TO GRADUATES IN SCIENCE ROOM

Graduates of 1941

Phyllis Irene Aldred	Howard William Lovejoy
James Milton Andersen	Herbert William Merriam, Jr.
Dorothy Elaine Bond	Olga Locke Nelson
Henry Francis Bulette	Mabel Jeanne Ogilvie
Victor Clapp	Esther Marie Petersen
Vera May Cunningham	*Esther Pinolehto
Charles Judd Farley, Jr.	Marjorie Faye Reed
Priscilla Jeanne Gleason	Raymond Aquilla Reynolds
*Anne Marie Haggarty	Gordon Alan Smith
*Earle Chester Harriman	J. Henry Thatcher
Donald Reynolds Howard	*Doris May Towne
Shirley Eileen Kelley	Robert Lynne Townsend
*Hazel Lucy Knight	Betty-Jeanne Tubbs
Eleanor Louise Larrabee	Meltha Elizabeth Walther
Betty Louise Marble	*Margaret Whitcomb
*Honor Students	

Awards During Year:

Esther Pinolehto and Earle Harriman: American Legion Awards for best rank in Scholarship, Loyalty, and Achievement (Edwards-Quimby Post).

Doris Towne: Washington-Franklin Medal for best records in American History (Massachusetts Society, Sons of the American Revolution.)

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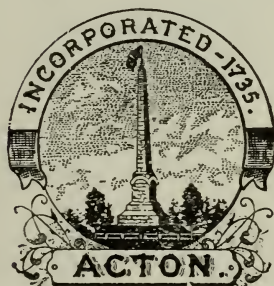
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Several Official Boards
OF THE
TOWN OF ACTON
MASSACHUSETTS



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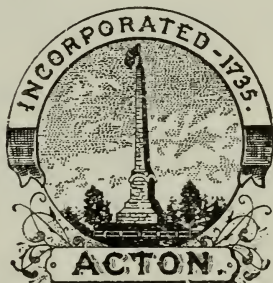
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Stoughton, Mass.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss



To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of said town of Acton, qualified to vote at town meetings for the transaction of town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts, to wit:

Precinct 1—Town Hall, Acton Center

Precinct 2—Universalist Church, South Acton

Precinct 3—Woman's Club House, West Acton

at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, the first day of March, 1943, by posting a copy of this warrant, by you attested, at each of the places as directed by vote of the town, seven days at least before the first day of March, to bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers:

Moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, collector of taxes,

one selectman for three years; one assessor for three years; one member of the board of public welfare for three years; one member of the board of public welfare for two years; four constables for one year; one cemetery commissioner for three years; two members of the school committee for three years; one member of the school committee for one year; one member of the board of health for three years; one member of the board of health for one year; one trustee Memorial Library for three years, and a tree warden.

The polls will be open at 12 o'clock noon, and close at 8 o'clock p.m.

You are further requested in the name of the Commonwealth to notify the legal voters of said town of Acton, as aforesaid, to meet at the Town Hall in said Acton, on Monday, the eighth day of March, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries of all town officers.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committee chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the

financial year beginning January 1, 1943, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Work Relief Fund, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the use of the Treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local Dog Officer. The town will be reimbursed for the amount spent by the County of Middlesex, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the maintenance of Jones Community Field, South Acton, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to transfer \$500.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will adopt Section 38A, Chapter 41, General Laws relative to Town Collector or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the use of the Town Forest Committee or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the cost of collection and disposal of garbage throughout the town or act anything thereon. . .

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to insure the compressed air tanks and steam boilers of the three fire stations or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of the Rationing Board or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will accept Section 100A, Chapter 41, General Laws relative to indemnification of officers or employees for damages, etc., incurred on account of injuries arising out of their operation of publicly owned motor vehicles, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Acton this twenty-seventh day of January, 1943.

W. BURTON HARVEY,
ARTHUR W. LEE,
GEORGE A. MORSE,
Selectmen of Acton.

A true copy. Attest:

ROBERT G. WILLETT,
Constable of Acton.

Town Officers

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee

Selectmen

W. Burton Harvey	Term expires 1943
George A. Morse	Term expires 1944
Arthur W. Lee	Term expires 1945

Town Clerk

Harlan E. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

William Henry Soar

Assessors

Carl C. Flint	Term expires 1943
Albert P. Durkee	Term expires 1944
Clare A. Milbery	Term expires 1945

Collector of Taxes

Carrie M. Durkee

Tree Warden

James J. Knight

Board of Public Welfare

Mary M. Laffin	Term expires 1943
Raymond L. Hatch	Term expires 1944
*Burton B. Bursaw	Term expires 1945
**Benjamin J. Ineson	

*Resigned

**Elected to replace*

Constables

Samuel E. Knowlton
Ivar Peterson

Robert G. Willett
Norman L. Perkins

Cemetery Commissioners

Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1943
Harry E. Holt	Term expires 1944
Ray L. Harris	Term expires 1945

School Committee

Fannie E. Davis	Term expires 1943
Edward A. Schmitz	Term expires 1943
*Hazel O. Bundy	Term expires 1944
Walter B. Stevens	Term expires 1944
Richard A. Lowden	Term expires 1945
Robert C. Hall	Term expires 1945
**Margaret Fraser	
*Resigned	**Elected to replace*

Trustees of Memorial Library

Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1943
J. Sidney White	Term expires 1944
Frank A. Merriam	Term expires 1945

Board of Health

O. Lawrence Clark	Term expires 1943
*Lillian E. Taylor	Term expires 1944
Lowell H. Cram	Term expires 1945
**Henry K. Doyle	
*Resigned	**Elected to replace*

Agent of Board of Health

Ernest E. Allsopp

Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

Charlotte Conant	Term expires 1943
Clara L. Sawyer	Term expires 1944
Waldo E. Whitcomb	Term expires 1945

James B. Wilson	Term expires 1943
Arnold H. Perkins	Term expires 1944
H. Stuart MacGregor	Term expires 1945

Herbert Merriam	Term expires 1943
Frederick T. Kennedy	Term expires 1944
Clarence Frost	Term expires 1945

Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires	1943
Charles E. Smith	Term expires	1944
Charlotte Conant	Term expires	1945

Executive Clerk

Virginia Milbery

Office: Town Hall Hours: 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Meetings: Board of Selectmen, Wednesday evenings at 7:30;

Board of Public Welfare, Tuesday evenings at 7:00.

W. Stuart Allen	Henry E. Tolman
Alden C. Flagg	Albert W. Locke
William T. Merriam	Porter G. Jenks

William C. Kazokas

Howard L. Jones Term expires 1944

Registrars of Voters

James W. Coughlin	Term expires 1943
James B. Wilson	Term expires 1944
William B. Feely	Term expires 1945
Harlan E. Tuttle	Ex-Officio

Election Officers

Precinct I

Warden—Alice C. Duren
Clerk—James A. Wayne
Inspector—Samuel E. Knowlton
Inspector—Paul A. Coughlin
Deputy Warden—Marie S. Whouley
Deputy Clerk—Spencer H. Taylor
Deputy Inspector—Ralph L. Rogers
Deputy Inspector—Leo T. McCarthy
Teller—Louisa N. Wood
Teller—Mary L. FitzGibbon

Precinct II

Warden—Clarence Robbins
Clerk—Grace J. Cullinane
Inspector—Merle M. Hayward
Inspector—Sophia Walsh
Deputy Warden—David Clayton
Deputy Clerk—Thomas M. Murray
Deputy Inspector—Henry L. Capelle
Deputy Inspector—Joseph H. Lemoine
Teller—Pauline Bursaw
Teller—John J. Bradley

Precinct III

Warden—Fannie E. Davis
Clerk—Charles A. Byron
Inspector—Havelock J. Schnair
Inspector—Katherine M. Kinsley

Deputy Warden—Bertram D. Hall
Deputy Clerk—Albert C. Gravlin
Deputy Inspector—Harry E. Holt
Deputy Inspector—Mary Laffin
Teller—Margaret F. Leveroni
Teller—Marion C. Reed

Fire Engineers

H. Stuart MacGregor, Chief Engineer
Clarence Frost, Asst. Engineer—Precinct I
David Clayton, Asst. Engineer—Precinct II
Arno H. Perkins, Asst. Engineer—Precinct III

Cattle Inspector

Ernest E. Allsopp

Forest Warden

H. Stuart MacGregor

Dog Officer

Arthur Fraser

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Carl E. Anderson

Town Forest Committee

Albert R. Jenks	.....	Term expires 1943
Clarence Frost	.....	Term expires 1944
James J. Knight	Term expires 1945

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Bertram D. Hall	Charles E. Smith
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Field Drivers

Norman E. Livermore	Robert G. Willett
Norman L. Perkins	

Superintendent of Moth Work
James J. Knight

Police Officers

*Michael Foley, Chief

Norman L. Perkins

Lawrence Roche

Robert G. Willett

*Civil Service—Permanent

Burial Agent

Waldo J. Flint

Soldiers' Relief Agent

Waldo J. Flint

Superintendent of Jones Memorial Field

Ralph Jones

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Howard L. Jones

Public Weighers

William Braman

Alfred Davis, Jr.

A. W. Davis

G. Howard Reed

M. B. Ferber

W. H. Francis Davis

Philip Newell

Thomas Hearon

Willard Houghton

Fred Stone

W. H. Soar

Albert S. Braman

Peter Olsen, Jr.

Harold Whitney

Gerald Davis

William Kane

Charles Clark

Edward Hellier

John William Davis

Selectmen's Report

Herewith, we submit the reports of the various departments of the Town for the year ending December 31, 1942; also a report of the action taken on all articles submitted to the voters at the regular and special town meetings.

Nineteen hundred forty-two was the first full year after this country entered the present world war. Problems arising out of the support of the war effort, organizing for local defense, co-operating with governmental agencies and correlating the life of the town to the national emergency, has multiplied by many times, both the work and responsibilities of the Board.

We wish to thank the members of the Acton Committee on Public Safety for the efficient manner in which they have assumed much of the added responsibility. Especially do we wish to thank the members and staff of Rationing Board No. 41 for the forthright and equitable handling of its most important but sometimes unpleasant task. It has rendered a public service of the highest order.

In carrying out the wishes of the voters as expressed in the regular and special town meetings, we purchased a new police cruiser with two-way radio equipment and installed an efficient heating plant in the town hall. We purchased the power grader now in use on the streets of the town, but due to priorities, have as yet been unable to complete the purchase of the new fire truck authorized by act of the voters. The board is still negotiating with government agencies in regard to this purchase.

Due to the fact that the Legislature did not make the necessary appropriations for new road construction under

Chapter 90, no work under this chapter has been done during the year.

We wish to express our appreciation to all the regular town officers and committees for the faithful discharge of their duties and responsibilities during the year and to the citizens of the town whose response to the war emergency and its problems has carried the town successfully through a most trying year.

W. BURTON HARVEY,
ARTHUR W. LEE,
GEORGE A. MORSE,
Selectmen of Acton.

TOWN MEETINGS

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting, March 9, 1942

Art. 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries of all town officers.

Chose Waldo E. Whitcomb trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund for three years.

Chose H. Stuart MacGregor trustee of the West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose Clarence Frost trustee of the Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose Charlotte Conant trustee of the Goodnow Fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the Tax Collector be one thousand dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Selectmen be three hundred dollars per annum and the other members two hundred dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salaries of the Assessors be nine hundred dollars in the aggregate per annum to be apportioned as they may determine.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Board of Health be twenty-five dollars per annum, the clerk fifteen dollars and the other member ten dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Board of Public Welfare be one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum and that of the other members seventy-five dollars each per annum and that a member of the Board of Public Welfare shall serve as Supervisor of Old Age Assistance and that the expense of administering this assistance such as necessary supplies, salary and traveling expense of said supervisor shall not exceed the amount provided for this purpose by the Federal Government.

Voted: That the salary of the Moderator be fifteen dollars for the annual meeting and ten dollars for special meetings.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Clerk be two hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Treasurer be five hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Accountant be five hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to fix the salaries of all other town officers.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers.

Voted: To accept the several reports of town officers.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

The committee appointed under Art. 25 of the warrant for the annual meeting, March 10, 1941, recommended no action be taken on a highway building due to war conditions.

Art. 4. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town and deter-

mine how the same shall be raised.

Under this and other articles in the warrant it was voted to appropriate and raise by taxation for:

Highways, Village	\$ 1,450.00
Highways, Chapter 81	8,550.00
Highways, Chapter 90	2,000.00
General Government	7,200.00
Bonds (town officers)	251.50
Notes and Bonds	1,905.33
Buildings and Grounds	2,000.00
Police Department:	
Chief's Salary	1,800.00
Assistant's Salary	1,550.00
Operating expense for cruiser	450.00
General expense	400.00
Cruiser, Police Department, Article 16	1,500.00
Fire Department	2,800.00
Fire Department, Boots, Coats, Helmets	500.00
Forest Fires	900.00
Hydrant Service	3,453.00
Moth Department, for spraying only	1,000.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Health Department	1,200.00
Town Nurse, Salary	2,000.00
Town Nurse, Expenses	200.00
Snow Removal, estimated	4,000.00
Street Lighting	3,950.00
Public Welfare	5,000.00
State Aid	240.00
Military Aid	300.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	18,000.00
Department of Education, Schools	52,000.00
Insurance, High School	300.00
Library, Maintenance	1,500.00
Library, Books	200.00

Cemeteries	2,800.00
Insurance Liability	800.00
Memorial Day, Article 5	250.00
Expense of Dog Officer	200.00
Work Relief	200.00
Redemption of Tax Titles	100.00
Jones Athletic Field, Article 18	300.00
Unclassified	400.00
Interest on Notes and Bonds	400.00
Interest on Revenue Loans	100.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,600.00
Middlesex County Hospital Maintenance, Art. 15	1,012.12
New Seats, Town Hall, Article 9	250.00
Transfer from Machinery Fund to Mach. Acct.	750.00
From Overlay Surplus Account	2,000.00
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	\$140,261.95

Acting on a motion to appropriate money for Buildings and Grounds—Voted: That the Parent Teachers Association be given the use of the Town Hall for school lunches from October 1, 1942 to April 1, 1943 without charge.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1942, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Voted unanimously: That the town treasurer, with the

approval of the selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1942, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Work Relief Fund, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred (200) dollars for the Work Relief Fund.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$230.00 for the use of the treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local dog officer. The town will be reimbursed for the amount spent by the County of Middlesex, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred (200) dollars for the use of the treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local dog officer.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase additional seats for the Town Hall or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars for the purchase of additional seats for the Town Hall.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to continue the improvement of Main Street, from the Carlisle line to the State Road in East Acton; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and install directional signs or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and install a new heating system in the Town Hall or act anything thereon.

Voted: That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to investigate the need of a new heating system for the Town Hall and report at some later meeting. Committee appointed by Moderator—Walter M. Cook, James Fitzgerald and Ray L. Harris.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure the High School Building or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of (\$300.00) three hundred dollars to pay for the insurance on the High School Building to be insured for the amount of (\$20,000.00) twenty thousand dollars for the term of three years.

Art. 14. To see if the town will accept as a town way or street, the laying out by the selectmen, of an extension of Maple Ave., westerly about 341 feet to the house of Charles H. Liebfried, as shown on a plan filed in the office of the town clerk.

Voted: To accept as a town street, the laying out by the selectmen, of the extension of Maple Ave., westerly about 341 feet to the house of Charles H. Liebfried, as shown on a plan filed in the office of the town clerk.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the County of Middlesex, as required by law, the town's share of the net cost of the care, maintenance, and repair of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hos-

pital, as assessed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws and Acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto and including Chapter 400, Section 25 G (6) (a) of the Acts of 1936 or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand twelve and 12/100 (\$1,012.12) dollars to meet the assessment made on the town for the purpose mentioned in this article.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a cruiser equipped with two-way radio for the police department or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars to purchase a cruiser equipped with two-way radio for the police department.

Art. 17. To see if the town will accept Section 1, Chapter 85, General Laws as amended relative to bicycle registration.

Voted: To accept Section 1, Chapter 84, General Laws as amended relative to bicycle registration.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the maintenance of Jones Community Field, South Acton, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate three hundred (300) dollars for the maintenance of Jones Community Field, South Acton.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred (100) dollars for the redemption of tax titles held by the town.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred

(100) dollars for the redemption of tax titles held by the town.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to transfer \$750.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon. .

Voted: To transfer seven hundred fifty (750) dollars from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace the present ladder truck in South Acton or act anything thereon.

The following motion was made:

To raise and appropriate not more than \$9,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a ladder truck with the necessary equipment for the fire department and to meet said appropriation, that \$1,000.00 be raised in the tax levy of the current year and that the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow \$8,000.00 and issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, payable in not more than five years in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws.

The committee, consisting of David J. Clayton, Lloyd Priest, Earl Hayward, Theron Lowden, George Morse and William Merriam, are hereby authorized to dispose of the old truck to what they consider the best advantage, by sale, turn-in toward the new truck or otherwise.

Amendment that the sum of \$2,500.00 be substituted for \$9,000.00 did not prevail.

Amendment that the sum of \$6,500.00 be substituted for \$9,000.00 did not prevail.

The original motion did not prevail.

Voted: That the article be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Moderator, to investigate the

matter, with instructions to report at a special town meeting within sixty days. Committee appointed by the Moderator—H. Stuart MacGregor, Lawrence Donnelly, George S. Braman.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to pay for fighting building fires and fix a price thereon.

Voted: That the matter be left with the Selectmen.

Art. 23. To see if the town will be responsible for accidents caused by fire apparatus operators and to what extent.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to consult legal counsel and to take such further action in the matter as they may determine.

Voted: To adjourn.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting, May 4, 1942

Art. 1. To hear and act upon the report of the committee appointed by the moderator to consider Article 12 of the annual town meeting, pertaining to a heating system in the Town Hall and see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for same or act anything thereon.

Voted: To take up Article 6 in conjunction with Article 1.

Voted: That the report of the committee on installing a heating system in the Town Hall be accepted.

Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.00) for the purpose of installing a new heating system in the Town Hall. That the Selectmen with the committee on heating be instructed to install a boiler large enough to heat the library at some future date.

Art. 2. To hear and act upon the report of the committee appointed by the moderator to consider Article 21 of the annual town meeting, pertaining to the replacement of the ladder truck in South Acton and see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for same or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept the report of the committee on the replacement of a ladder truck in South Acton.

Voted Unanimously: That there be appropriated the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to replace the ladder truck at Precinct 2 and to meet the said appropriation there be raised in the tax levy of 1942 the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and that the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen be authorized to borrow the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) and to issue notes therefor payable in accordance with Chapter 44, General Laws; so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than three years; that the purchase of said truck be left to the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Engineers of the town, also that the Selectmen be authorized to dispose of any unnecessary equipment.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon the report of the town counsel to consider Article 23 of the annual town meeting, pertaining to the responsibility for accidents caused by fire apparatus operators.

The report of the town counsel was read by the chairman of the Selectmen and accepted.

Voted: That the Selectmen be instructed to insert an article in the warrant of the next annual town meeting pertaining to Chapter 41, Section 100A.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to increase the salary of the Chief of Police and that of the assistant, at the rate of \$200.00 each per annum or act anything thereon.

Motion: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400, to increase the salary of the Chief of Police and that of the assistant at the rate of \$200.00 each per annum. Did not prevail.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect and maintain an observation tower, for the purpose of spotting and reporting aeroplanes, as an aid to defense, in co-operation with the Army Air Corps or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the erection of an observation tower.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to connect the heating system of the Memorial Library to the heating system of the Town Hall or act anything thereon.

Action taken under Article 1.

On Motion, Voted to adjourn.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting, November 23, 1942

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money not exceeding \$2,700.00 from the surplus revenue fund for the purchase of the power grader now rented by the town or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of \$2,700.00 be transferred from the surplus revenue fund for the purchase of the power grader now rented by the town.

Voted to adjourn.

State Election, November 3, 1942

D.—Democratic	C.—Communist
R.—Republican	S. P.—Socialist Party
S. L. P.—Socialist Labor Party	P.—Prohibition

	Prc 1	Prc 2	Prc 3	Ttl
Whole number of ballots cast	346	334	372	1052

Governor

Roger L. Putnam—D.	59	70	75	204
Leverett Saltonstall—R.	282	258	291	831
Henning A. Blomen—S. L. P.	0	0	1	1
Otis A. Hood—C.	0	2	0	2
Joseph Massida—S. P.	0	0	0	0
Guy S. Williams—P.	0	0	0	0
William McMaster	0	0	4	4
Blanks	5	4	1	10

Lieutenant Governor

Horace T. Cahill—R.	287	258	301	846
John C. Carr—D.	49	70	62	181
Walter S. Hutchins—S. P.	1	0	1	2
George L. McGlynn—S. L. P.	0	0	1	1
E. Frank Searle—P.	0	0	3	3
Blanks	9	6	4	19

Secretary

Joseph J. Buckley—D.	45	67	58	170
Frederic W. Cook—R.	289	254	304	847
Bernard G. Kelly—S. L. P.	2	1	2	5
Abbie L. Tebbets—P.	2	0	2	4
Peter Warttainen, Jr.—S. P.	0	0	0	0
Blanks	8	12	6	26

	Prc1 1	Prc2 2	Prc3 3	Ttl
<i>Treasurer</i>				
Laurence Curtis—R.	274	244	283	801
Francis X. Hurley—D.	58	75	76	209
Martha E. Geer—P.	0	1	2	3
Gote Elvel Palmquist—S. L. P.	1	0	1	2
Anders H. Swenson—S. P.	0	2	1	3
Blanks	13	12	9	34
<i>Auditor</i>				
Thomas J. Buckley—D.	63	79	69	211
Russell A. Wood—R.	270	239	287	796
Herbert Crabtree—S. L. P.	1	0	1	2
Ethel J. Prince—P.	0	1	2	3
Blanks	12	15	13	40
<i>Attorney General</i>				
James E. Agnew—D.	37	58	43	138
Robert T. Bushnell—R.	297	263	314	874
Charles F. Danforth—P.	1	0	3	4
Fred E. Oelcher—S. L. P.	1	0	1	2
Howard Penley—S. P.	0	0	0	0
Blanks	10	13	11	34
<i>Senator in Congress</i>				
Joseph E. Casey—D.	51	82	69	202
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.—R.	288	245	297	830
Horace I. Hillis—S. L. P.	1	1	1	3
George L. Paine—S. P.	0	0	0	0
George L. Thompson—P.	0	0	0	0
One War ballot, Pct. 2				
Blanks	6	7	5	18
<i>Congressman</i>				
Edith Nourse Rogers—R.	315	302	345	962
One War Ballot, Pct. 2				
Blanks	31	33	27	91

	Pret 1	Pret 2	Pret 3	Ttl
<i>Councillor</i>				
Frank A. Brooks—R.	296	257	310	863
William F. A. Graham—D.	32	58	44	134
Blanks	18	19	18	55
<i>Senator</i>				
Louis B. Connors—D.	76	93	99	268
Richard I. Furbush—R.	255	225	259	739
Blanks	15	16	14	45
<i>Representatives in General Court</i>				
John H. Valentine—R.	301	274	333	908
Blanks	45	60	39	144
<i>District Attorney</i>				
Robert F. Bradford—R.	305	266	315	886
Joseph R. Corish—D.	27	50	39	116
Blanks	14	18	18	50
<i>Register of Probate and Insolvency</i>				
Loring P. Jordan—R.	281	239	295	815
William F. McCarty—D.	42	67	51	160
Blanks	23	28	26	77
<i>County Commissioner</i>				
Thomas B. Brennan—D.	52	74	68	194
Charles C. Warren—R.	276	237	282	795
Blanks	18	23	22	63
<i>County Treasurer</i>				
Charles P. Howard—R.	305	271	328	904
Blanks	41	63	44	148
<i>Question No. 1. Law Proposed by Initiative Petition—Birth Control.</i>				
Yes	190	137	183	510
No.	88	118	125	331
Blanks	68	79	64	211

Pret 1 Pret 2 Pret 3 Ttl

Alcoholic Beverages—Question No. 1.

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (Whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages.)

Yes	103	129	132	364
No	208	162	218	588
Blanks	35	43	22	100

Alcoholic Beverages—Question No. 2.

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages.)

Yes	108	144	116	368
No	189	140	231	560
Blanks	49	50	25	124

Alcoholic Beverages—Question No. 3.

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises.

Yes	117	144	138	399
No.	186	137	207	530
Blanks	43	53	27	123

Pari-Mutuel—(Horse)

Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this County?

Yes	135	151	135	421
No	162	126	178	466
Blanks	49	57	59	165

Pret 1 Pret 2 Pret 3 Ttl

Pair-Mutuel—(Dog)

Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this County?

Yes	104	130	117	351
No	168	126	184	478
Blanks	74	78	71	223

Question of Public Policy.

“Shall the Representative in the General Court from this district be instructed to vote to request the President and Congress to call at the earliest possible moment a convention of Representatives of all free peoples, to frame a Federal Constitution under which they may unite in a Democratic World Government?”

Yes	153	160	180	493
No	61	45	66	172
Blanks	132	129	126	387

*Schedule of votes cast for Representative in General Court,
11th Middlesex District—November 3, 1942*

	Acton	Carlisle	Chelmsford	Tyngsboro	Westford	Total
John H. Valentine of Chelmsford	908	197	2290	368	827	4590
Blanks	144	41	381	82	282	930
Total	1052	238	2671	450	1109	5520

HARLAN E. TUTTLE, Town Clerk of Acton

RUTH C. WILKINS, Town Clerk of Carlisle

HAROLD C. PETTERSON, Town Clerk of Chelmsford

GEORGE R. ROBESON, Town Clerk of Tyngsboro

CHARLES L. HILDRETH, Town Clerk of Westford

Town Clerk's Report

Births

Whole number recorded	55
Born in Acton 1	Native parentage 47
Males 38	Foreign parentage 2
Females 17	Mixed parentage 6

Marriages

Whole number recorded	35
Residents of Acton 39	Residents of other places 31

Deaths

Whole number recorded	26
Residents of Acton 25	Residents of other places 1
Occurring in Acton 12	Occurring in other places 14

Average age in years, 56 plus

Births Registered in 1942

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
May 4	Malden	Aldred, Lindah Sue	Earl and Dorothy Winifred Davis
Oct. 7	Concord	Andersen, Christine Elene	George and Ruth E. K. Hansen
May 5	Cambridge	Barnes, Richard Edmund	Carl Edmund and Sarah B. Edwards
Dec. 6	Concord	Brown, Edmund Burr, Jr.	Edmond Burr and Madeline A. Granberg
Jan. 15	Concord	Burdick, Stephen Edward	John Olivier and Dora Jackson
Feb. 26	Concord	Campbell, Carleton Eugene	Norman Philip and Ella Elizabeth Perkins
Feb. 2	Concord	Campbell, Henry Adams	John McLean and Nellie Davidson Adams
Aug. 15	Maynard	Casavecchia, Allison Norman	Dominic J. and Eleanor Tourville
Sept. 21	Concord	Clafin, Kernan Milton	Charles Eaton and Helen Sylvia Hakala
Jan. 25	Concord	Craig, Richard Hoyt	Clayton Earle and Barbara May Eaves
Sept. 5	Concord	Davidson, John Harry	Harold Alfred and Grace Evelyn Frye
Sept. 15	Concord	Dubee, Shirley Elizabeth	James Edward and Mary Turner
Sept. 27	Concord	Duggan, John Patrick, Jr.	John Patrick and Elizabeth Slimond
Feb. 17	Concord	Fierra, Paul Laurence	Louis Alexander and Mary Lillian Curley
July 5	Concord	Ford, James Andrew, Jr.	James Andrew and Elizabeth L. Brooks
July 24	Newton	Ford, Robert Reed, Jr.	Robert R. and Marion Mooers
Jan. 23	Concord	Fullonton, Joan Frances	Malcolm Earl and Meimi Kustava Tervo
Jan. 23	Concord	Fullonton, Janice Ann	Malcolm Earl and Meimi Kustava Tervo
May 14	Medford	Gebow, David Bruce	William P., Jr. and Jean Elizabeth Simpson
Sept. 2	Concord	Handy, Walter Thomas	Walter Dunbar and Hazel Gertrude Thomas
May 8	Concord	Hollowell, Brenda Jean	Norman Everett and Margraetta Lawrence

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
Nov. 17	Concord	Janerico, Theodore	Jacob and Helen Curran
Jan. 7	Concord	Jarvi, Caroline Edna	Jalmar Matti and Sylvia M. M. Freeman
Sept. 22	Concord	Kelley, Ralph Edward	Dexter Eugene and Myrtle Irene Smith
Oct. 22	Concord	Kimball, Nancy Marion	John A. C. and Alice Mary Wilson
Nov. 2	Concord	Knight, Harold James, Jr.	Harold James and Alberta Josephine Barker
June 26	Concord	Knippel, William Stephen Stricker	Ernst August and Jessie Wood
Oct. 29	Concord	Leper, Gerard Francis	Gerard Francis and Virginia Laura Cheshire
Aug. 26	Concord	LeClerc, Rosemary Louise	Edward Albert and Susan Louise Flaherty
June 17	Concord	Manion, Charles Edward	Thomas James and Mildred Joan Scanlon
July 12	Concord	McCarthy, Kathryn Julie	Thomas Leo and Mary Frances Christian
Aug. 16	Cambridge	Miller, Michael Stephen	Harry B. and Edith E. Gipstein
Oct. 2	Medford	Newton, Paul Andrew	George William and Clara Llewellyn Clark
Sept. 4	Concord	O'Neil, Thomas James	Richard Joseph and Gertrude Mary McVey
Aug. 18	Concord	Paquet, Elaine Marie	Paul Leo and Alice Thompson
June 2	Concord	Priest, Brenda Lee	Kenneth Downey and Anne Bessie Taylor
April 18	Newton	Putnam, Judith	E. Everett and Dorothy I. Matteson
Mar. 26	Concord	Reynolds, Alfred Stanford, 3rd	Arthur William and Helen Caroline Creeley
Oct. 24	Concord	Roche, Brian David	Francis David and Priscilla Elizabeth Kane
May 9	Concord	Russell, Michael Frank	Richard Thomas and Florence Anderson
Oct. 22	Concord	Ryan, Peter Edward	George Edward and Joyce Jeanette Caldwell
Aug. 9	Concord	Simeone, Paul Richard	Modesto Kivisto and Anna Corino
May 21	Concord	Smethurst, Dolores Diane	Gilbert James and Mary Helen Krill

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
May 9	Concord	Smith, William Franklin	Franklin E. and Clara May Gagnon
Mar. 11	Concord	Sullivan, Patricia Ellen	Ambrose S. and Bernice Livermore
Feb. 6	Medford	Sweeney, Patrick Pearse	Daniel and Beatrice Agnes King
Dec. 2	Concord	Thane, George Vincent, Jr.	George Vincent and Margery Louise French
Jan. 19	Concord	Tracy, Mabel Affie	Howard Samuel and Portia Elizabeth Hardy
April 3	Acton	Troupe, Carlton Norbert	James and Marie Ingrid Bengtson
Dec. 26	Concord	Vitkauskas, Carol Ann	Anthony S. and Elizabeth Schmitt
July 1	Concord	Wise, Kenneth Edward	Edward Joseph and Glendola Louisa Hart
Dec. 8			
1941	Newton	Meppen, David Lester	William N. and Doris Branch
Dec. 29			
1941	Concord	Hartwell, David Arthur	Russell George and Lillian Mary Shaw

Marriages Registered in 1942

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Residence</i>
July 4	W. Acton	Addy, Philip B.	Boxborough
		Crowell, Carolyn A.	Boxborough
July 12	Berlin	Aldred, Paul Kilton	S. Acton
		Knowles, Gladys Florence Cassidy	W. Concord
July 18	Maynard	Anderson, Joseph Warren	Bristol, Conn.
		Jones, Eleanor Frances	S. Acton
July 12	W. Acton	Beverly, Frank, Jr.	Brockton
		Nadeau, Marion Frances Hobart	Brockton
Nov. 19	W. Concord	Boucher, Ernest J.	Newton
		Servais, Eugenia M.	Acton
June 13	Acton	Britt, Robert Francis	Concord
		Bond, Dorothy Elaine	Acton
April 25	S. Acton	Brown, Edmond B.	Bedford
		Granberg, Madeline	S. Acton
July 6	W. Acton	Charter, John W.	W. Acton
		Brackett, Eleanor D.	W. Acton
Mar. 22	S. Acton	Cunningham, Leo C., Jr.	Boxborough
		Hayward, Lucille G.	S. Acton
Sept. 29	W. Acton	Davidson, Joseph E.	Boxborough
		Wetherbee, Mary E.	Boxborough

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Oct. 17	W. Concord	Downey, George P. Etchells, Mary V.	S. Acton Lowell
Dec. 6	W. Acton	Feltus, Donald Oliver	W. Acton
Sept. 6	Maynard	Wilde, Ruth Vivian Foley, James M.	W. Acton Maynard
Dec. 5	Acton	Downey, Anna C. Hutchison, William D.	S. Acton Versailles, Mo.
Nov. 2	Acton	Caron, Mary Mabel Jones, Richard C.	Acton Norwich, Vt.
Nov. 10	Acton	Casassa, Pauline Jordan, Chester P., Jr.	Acton Hyannis
July 4	W. Concord	Wood, Louisa J. Knight, Harold James	Acton S. Acton
Aug. 12	S. Acton	Barker, Alberta Josephine Kolenda, Anthony E.	S. Acton Maynard
May 10	S. Acton	Larrabee, Eleanor L. Maglione, James	S. Acton Maynard
Aug. 26	S. Acton	Hodgen, Virginia Cairns Manninen, Charles W.	S. Acton Maynard
Feb. 26	Acton	Green, Gladys A. Mason, Robert E. Philbrick, Helen	S. Acton Acton Carlisle

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Residence</i>
May 23	Randolph	Massey, Ellsworth C.	Brighton
Jan. 17	W. Acton	Jones, Edna B.	W. Acton
		McPhee, Carroll E.	W. Acton
May 23	Arlington	Jenks, Barbara R.	W. Acton
		Moran, David Milton	Arlington
		House, Gladys Ruth	W. Acton
Oct. 9	Concord	Newell, Philip S.	S. Acton
		Mellor, Katherine Reed	Charlottesville, Va.
Sept. 29	W. Acton	Nickerson, Harold Eugene	S. Acton
		Briggs, Lillian Rebecca	W. Acton
Aug. 8	Concord	Olsen, William Peter	S. Acton
		Fratlicelli, Josephine	Concord
June 2	W. Acton	O'Rourke, Jeremiah F.	Newton Upper Falls
		Parkhurst, Esther Mae	W. Acton
Sept. 23	W. Acton	Prentiss, Wentworth	Stow
		Clapp, Geraldine	W. Acton
Oct. 28	Acton	Rich, Howard Earl	W. Acton
		Dumas, Mary	Maynard
June 7	Medford	Richardson, George Alvin, Jr.	Acton
		McNiff, Lenore C.	Medford
Oct. 23	Everett	Shaw, William J.	W. Acton
		Maine, Gertrude E. McCarthy	W. Acton

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Nov. 7	Maynard	Thatcher, Robert Everett	W. Acton
		Wamboldt, Gloria Irene	W. Acton
April 28	Lowell	Turner, George Ira	W. Acton
		Mealey, Doris E.	Lowell
Sept. 6	S. Acton	Wetherbee, Thomas E.	W. Concord
		Tolman, Charlotte E.	S. Acton

Deaths Registered in 1942

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Dys.</i>
Oct. 2	Anderson, Otto	73	—	—
June 6	Bondelevitch, Walter E.	62	10	3
Jan. 18	Burdick, Stephen E.	—	—	3
Sept. 7	Cole, Thomas Wallace	72	4	28
Aug. 29	Conquest, John Frederick	1	10	—
July 22	Gomes, Fernando	60	—	—
Mar. 15	Goodearl, William Thomas	74	9	25
July 1	Hill, Janet D.	1	4	21
Oct. 17	Johnson, James Joseph	66	4	28
Jan. 6	Jones, Lillie M.	65	4	21
Oct. 26	Jones, Walter	72	8	9
Dec. 27	Leavitt, Mary C.	6	6	18
June 19	Morrison, Robert Boyd	73	6	7
Sept. 18	Parlin, Anna U. (Johannson)	80	—	—
Mar. 18	Reed, George H.	88	4	16
July 17	Richardson, Jonathan Davis	86	7	26
Feb. 2	Sanborn, Everett Russell	60	1	2
Feb. 17	Schoedel, Adrian Collison	32	8	5
July 5	Smith, Martha Fletcher	74	9	22
April 2	Tuttle, George H.	76	1	15
Feb. 27	Tuttle, Idella Josephine	72	9	17
Mar. 14	Wamboldt, Mary R. (Beach)	86	4	5
Dec. 16	Whittier, Frank O.	80	4	15
April 16	Woodcock, George Abra	59	—	29

Non-Resident Burials in 1942

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>		<i>Days</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Place of Burial</i>
		<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>			
April 28	Campbell, Charles H.	81	7	27	Brookline	Woodlawn
May 8	Chaplin, Mary	89	9	—	Medfield	Mt. Hope
Aug. 3	Cutler, Estella A.	90	6	—	Fitchburg	Mt. Hope
Feb. 27	Cuttel, Ada	79	11	15	Fitchburg	Woodlawn
Dec. 21	Davis, Harriet M.	84	10	2	Newton	Woodlawn
April 9	Dodge, Raymond	71	—	—	Tryon, N. C'r'l'na	Mt. Hope
Mar. 2	Harris, Marion A.	55	11	24	Boston	Woodlawn
June 11	Hutchins, George Y.	82	9	—	Stoneham	Mt. Hope
Oct. 21	Johnson, Gail M.	—	—	4	Boston	Mt. Hope
May 15	Leahy, Florence	40	4	4	N. Grafton	Mt. Hope
Feb. 19	Lovgren, Ellen	1	—	—	Dorchester	Woodlawn
April 26	Nash, Josephine	79	1	7	Rochester, N.Y.	Mt. Hope
Oct. 29	Noyes, Frederick B.	79	4	18	Belmont	Woodlawn
June 28	Parker, Reuben Cain	83	2	29	Lowell	Mt. Hope
Dec. 25	Pearce, Annie G.	65	2	8	Weston	Woodlawn
Aug. 15	Robbins, Horace H.	75	—	—	Boston	Woodlawn
Oct. 5	Robinson, George	78	—	—	Boston	Mt. Hope
Nov. 1	Schofield, Ernest	54	10	—	Hartford, Vt.	Woodlawn
Nov. 28	Smith, Charles W.	75	—	—	Maynard	Mt. Hope

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Age Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Place of Burial</i>
Jan. 18	Smith, George H.	83	10	3	Lowell	Woodlawn
Nov. 9	Soule, Alice E.	69	5	20	Boston	Mt. Hope
July 14	Stodder, Frank F.	76	10	13	Boston	Mt. Hope
July 4	Wilson, Jean A.	63	8	6	Keene, N. H.	Woodlawn
June 10	Wood, Charles L.	78	—	—	Woburn	Woodlawn
Feb. 5	Wood, Charlotte H.	45	3	12	Everett	Woodlawn

Dog Licenses

276 Licenses at \$2.00	\$552.00	
50 Licenses at \$5.00	250.00	
1 License at \$50.00	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$852.00
Deduct fees 327 Licenses at 20 cents		65.40
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Paid to Town Treasurer		\$786.60

Notice

All licenses expire March 31.

Dogs must be licensed on or before April 1, or the owners or keepers thereof are liable to a fine.

The law applies to all dogs three months old or over, regardless of time of year ownership is acquired. No tax bills are sent to owners of dogs.

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

Jury List Revised—1942

Precinct 1

Norman E. Livermore—Cen. Main St.
Charles H. Liebfried—Maple Ave.
Kenneth E. Jewell—Woodbury Lane
Iner Peterson—Maple Ave.
Clarence Frost—Newtown Rd.
James W. Coughlin—Cen. Main St.
George E. Horton, Jr.—Cen. Main St.
Forrest E. Bean—Cen. Main St.
Warren J. Davis—Great Rd.

Precinct 2

Arthur Fraser—Massachusetts Ave.
George K. Hayward—Main St.
Wesley P. Wilmot—Liberty St.
Richard Lowden—Main St.
James J. Knight—School St.
Timothy J. Hennessey—Prospect St.
Ralph W. Piper—Piper Rd.
Otis J. Reed—Prospect St.
Ralph H. Littlefield—Main St.

Precinct 3

Charles A. Byron—Arlington St.
Everett B. Coolidge—Windsor Ave.
Orla E. Nichols—Central St.
Waldo J. Flint—Church St.
Louis A. Flerra—Central St.
Warren L. Davis—Massachusetts Ave.
Ernest G. Banks—Massachusetts Ave.
A. Leslie Harris—Arlington St.
Lester A. Sebastian—Massachusetts Ave.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners For the Year 1942

We have endeavored another year to maintain the high standard of the past in the care of our cemeteries.

In both Woodlawn and Mt. Hope several beds of shrubbery have been set out in different parts of the cemeteries, also quite a number of young trees.

The account of the town treasurer shows that during the past year the cemetery department has received and paid into the treasury \$1293.20, itemized as follows:—

Sale of lots and graves	\$173.00
Annual care of lots	658.20
Burials	390.00
Lowering device	63.00
Foundation	3.00
Refund on a steel drum	6.00
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	\$1,293.20

We ask that these receipts may be considered in making your appropriation for the current year.

We recommend an appropriation for the care of the cemeteries of \$2800.00

An itemized account of the expenditures for the care of the cemeteries will be found in the report of the town accountant.

We have prepared a schedule of the receipts and expenditures on account of each lot in perpetual care, in books kept

for that purpose, which may be examined by persons interested.

HARRY E. HOLT,
RAY L. HARRIS,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Cemetery Commissioners.

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1942.

During the year I sealed 340 weighing and measuring devices, did not seal 11, and condemned 1.

The State Department of Standards loaned equipment to check oil tank meter systems as in past years. The State also supplied special heavy truck testing equipment to test platform truck scales.

Sealing Fees Collected	\$68.49
Fees Uncollected	1.00
Paid Town Treasurer	\$68.49

Respectfully submitted,

CARL E. ANDERSON,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Report of the Work of the Middlesex County Extension Service in Acton for the Year 1942

The Extension Service program in Acton has covered all phases of agriculture and homemaking.

The dairy farmers have been advised on growing more and better roughage—including alfalfa, alfalfa mixtures—pastures including Ladino Clover. A rotation system of grazing has also been developed. The Albert Jenks farm has been developing a system of rotation pastures and is cutting the Reed's Canary Grass for ensilage. Porter Jenks is a member of the County Dairy Committee. The Dairy Herd Improvement Association members include David F. Penney, Charles H. Liebfried and Porter A. Jenks. The Extension Service also assisted farmers of Acton in securing labor for both dairy and fruit farms.

Acton poultrymen have been assisted in their production problems through farm visits and circular letters. The Middlesex County Poultry Association held five meetings at the Women's Club building. These meetings covered all phases of poultry production.

The Home Department held a wide variety of meetings including Christmas foods and food preparation. Instruction was given on re-upholstering of furniture. This was carried out as a leaders' training meeting with a few members in the class and hoping that these members would carry it on to their neighbors. The women were also instructed on child development and family relationship. One of the most successful meetings of the year was in connection with outdoor cookery. 65 people attended the meeting to learn better ways of cooking meals in the outdoor fireplace.

147 boys and girls were enrolled in 4-H Club Work. These boys and girls were instructed in food, clothing, home furnishing, gardening, handicraft, and poultry. The clubs were under the supervision of the following leaders: Miss Ruth Berglind, Miss Grace Callanan, Mrs. Marjorie Flint, Mrs. C. I. Stearns, Mrs. Chas. Strack, Miss Caroline Tuttle, Mrs. Helen Quinn, Mrs. Kenneth Jewell, Mrs. Howard Billing, Mr. Clayton Craig, and Ralph Hayes. Mrs. Warren Hartwell was chairman of the committee which sponsored 4-H Club Work in the town. Several prizes were presented to 4-H club members by the Acton Garden Club.

Every farmer and home owner was encouraged to produce more food for the war effort and to have a victory garden. Disease and insect control charts were sent to all farmers every month on vegetables and fruit crops. This enabled the farmers of Acton to produce one of the largest and cleanest crops on record.

Report of Workmen's Compensation Agent

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

During the past year there have been three accidents to the town employees. All of the accidents were of a minor nature and were taken care of by the insurance company in a satisfactory way.

HOWARD L. JONES,
Workmen's Compensation Agent.

Librarian's Report—1942

Accessions—Number of volumes in the Library, January 1, 1942, 21,783. Increase by purchase, 293. Increase by gift, 75. Duplicates placed in the Branches, 92. Total increase, 460. Withdrawn from circulation, 477. Total number of volumes in the Library, January 1, 1943, 21,766.

Circulation—Number of days Library was open, 102.

Number of volumes circulated, 11,181.

Largest daily circulation, 186; January 14.

Smallest daily circulation, 18; November 11.

Daily average circulation, 107 plus.

Received from Library fines and magazines sold and paid to Town Treasurer, \$30.25.

Gifts of books have been received from the following sources: U. S. Gov't, 2; State of Mass., 8; Town of Acton, 1; Rita O'Donnell, 23; W. Burton Harvey, 10; Mildred Pope Moore, 9; Eleanor Stevens, 5; George Roe, 3; Wilmot Taylor, 3; Charlotte Conant, 2; Philip Goldthwait, 2; Alfred Jules, 1; Mrs. Fortesque, 1; DuPont Co., 1; Benjamin Rush, 1; Babai Society, 1; Sesquicentennial Committee, 1; Unknown donor, 1. Total 75.

ARTHUR F. DAVIS,
Librarian

Assessors Report — 1942

Tax assessed as follows:

Buildings, exclusive of land . . .	\$2,565,025.00	
Land	631,755.00	
Personal	411,515.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,608,295.00

Valuation January 1, 1941	3,560,980.00
Increase in valuation	47,315.00

Rate of Taxation, \$28.40

Real Estate	\$90,788.55	
Personal Estate	11,687.05	
Polls	1,928.00	
	<hr/>	\$104,403.60

Amount of money raised:

State Tax	\$9,300.00	
State Parks Tax	119.25	
Amount Returned Commonwealth		
Account Boston Edison Co. . .	378.61	
County Tax	4,893.18	
Tuberculosis Hosp. Assessment	1,012.12	
Town Grant	85,171.41	
Overlay	3,529.03	
	<hr/>	\$104,403.60

Added Assessments:

Polls	60.00
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Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Number of Vehicles Assessed, 1135

Total Value of Motor Vehicles and Trailers	\$233,000.00
Rate of Excise, \$36.46	
Total Excise	\$8,024.16

ALBERT P. DURKEE,
CLARE A. MILBERY,
CARL C. FLINT,
Board of Assessors.

Report of the Inspector of Animals

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1942:

Dogs quarantined	17
Cats quarantined	1
Rabies	0

It was advised by the Livestock Disease Control not to make the annual barn inspection this year so as to save gas and tires.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST H. ALLSOPP,
Inspector of Animals.

Report of Trustees of Goodnow Fund

For the Year Ending December 31, 1942

INVESTMENTS

Warren Institution for Savings	\$1,465.54	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	1,000.00	
City Institution for Savings	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,465.54

RECEIPTS

Warren Institution for Savings	\$29.45	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	20.00	
City Institution for Savings	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$69.45

PAYMENTS

Harlan E. Tuttle, Treasurer of the Evangelical Church in Acton ..	\$49.45	
Town of Acton, care of lot in Woodlawn Cemetery	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$69.45

CHARLOTTE CONANT,
CHARLES E. SMITH,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Trustees of Goodnow Fund.

Report of the Board of Health

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

The Board of Health of Acton herewith submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1942.

We are pleased to report that there has been no run of communicable diseases during the year, only a few isolated cases, and these were kept within complete control. This record is especially gratifying as compared with last year, when there were over two hundred cases of measles treated and twelve cases of scarlet fever.

The Board sponsored the diphtheria clinic again this year under the direction of the school doctor and nurse, Dr. E. A. Mayell and Genevieve Creeley, R. N., with the assistance of Dr. O. L. Clark and Lillian Taylor, R. N. The number of children given the Schick test was sixty and the number of doses of Toxoid given was 92. The total number of pupils cared for was seventy, 12-pre-school, 58-school. We feel that this diphtheria clinic is one of the most important programs in the town and every parent should avail themselves of this opportunity.

The town dump has been maintained for the exclusive use of the citizens and has been kept in an orderly condition, there being an attendant on duty the days it is open. This plan has worked out very well.

On August 29 Genevieve Creeley, R. N., submitted her resignation as town and school nurse to accept a much better position, not only for the remuneration but to do a different type of work with greater responsibilities. Mrs. Creeley served the town for several years, faithfully and untiringly.

We were very fortunate in being able to engage Lillian Taylor, R. N., to fill the vacancy and to take up again the duties of town and school nurse, she having served the town in this capacity several years prior to Mrs. Creeley.

While the maintenance of the town dump and the health expenses of the town are unpredictable yet we have kept well within the appropriation for 1942 and therefore we recommend an appropriation for 1943 of \$1000. This is \$200 less than last year and, except for some unexpected or unforeseen emergency, we believe this amount will be sufficient to carry on.

Record of contagious diseases January 1, 1942, to December 31, 1942:

Dog-bite	14
Cat-bite	1
Mumps	2
German Measles	23
Influenza	4

Deaths:

Residents who died in other towns ...	12
Total deaths recorded	24
Residents of Acton	23
Residents of other places	1
Total burial permits issued	13

Respectfully submitted,

LOWELL H. CRAM,
Secretary.

Report of Town Nurse

Board of Health, Acton Mass.

Gentlemen :

I herewith submit my report as Town Nurse since my appointment September 1st to December 31st:

Bedside Nursing Calls	438
Welfare	26
Pre-natal	10
Post-natal	26
Social Service	6

At the Middlesex County Hospital at Waltham 4 patients have been X-rayed and examined.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN F, TAYLOR, R. N.

Welfare Department Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the report of the Welfare Board for 1942.

We intend to make this as brief as possible, but long enough so the taxpayers will know how their tax money is being spent.

The appropriation for Welfare for 1942 was \$5000. We spent approximately \$3700, leaving a balance of \$1300. During 1942 we aided ten cases in town and eight cases out of town with Acton settlements. At the present time we have four cases on Welfare, one in Acton and three out of town. The out-of-town cases, over which we have no jurisdiction except to pay the bills, will cost the Town of Acton in 1943 approximately \$1330. The case in Acton will cost about \$400, making a total of approximately \$1730 which this town will spend for Welfare this coming year. This Board needs a reserve fund to take care of emergencies. Therefore, we recommend an appropriation of \$2500, which is a 50% reduction over last year.

In regard to Aid to Dependent Children, we have lost two-thirds of our case load, leaving only two families consisting of four persons. The appropriation last year was \$2000, out of which we spent approximately \$900. The two cases which are receiving this aid will cost about \$360 for 1943. Therefore, we recommend an appropriation of \$500, a 75% reduction.

We are asking for \$21,000 for Old Age Assistance for the coming year. This is an increase of \$3000 over last year's appropriation. Many recipients became eligible for increases on May 1, 1942, because of state legislation which raised the minimum amount of those receiving this assistance. In many cases, the local board does not favor the grants and increases of applicants, but laws, over which we have no control, make it possible for such aid to be given. During the past year, ninety-nine persons received Old Age Assistance. Out of this number, 74 had Acton settlements, and the remaining 25 were out-of-town settled. The present case load is 87.

The Board regrets the loss of Mr. Burton Bursaw, who has entered the armed service, but the town was indeed fortunate to secure so capable a man as his successor, Mr. Benjamin Ineson.

Appropriations recommended for 1943:

Old Age Assistance	\$21,000.00
Temporary Aid	2,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children ..	500.00

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND L. HATCH,
MARY M. LAFFIN,
Board of Public Welfare.

Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the following report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1942.

Number of motor vehicle accidents reported	22
Number of occupants killed in accidents	2
Number of occupants injured	21
Number of pedestrians injured	1

Arrests and Prosecutions Made on Following Complaints

Drunkenness	11
Assault and battery	6
Operating under the influence of liquor	6
Carrying a loaded revolver without a permit	1
Larceny	3
Law of road	2
On default warrant	1
Leaving scene of accident after causing injury to property	1
Using a motor vehicle without authority	1
Speeding	2
Operating without a license	1
Keeping an unlicensed dog	1
Non-support	1
Indecent assault	1
Persons committed to Mental Hospitals	2
Runaway boys picked up	3
Inmates picked up and returned to Institutions	2
Accidental deaths reported	1
Accidental drownings reported	1
Number of bicycle registrations issued	252

The patrol car purchased for the department this year

has proved very satisfactory. The car can be used as an ambulance and is equipped with a stretcher, four blankets, a first aid kit and two-way radio. It has already been used several times as an ambulance and seven persons have been transported to hospitals in it.

The number of arrests and persons injured in accidents were much lower this year, due mostly to present conditions.

We had one fatal accident in which two persons lost their lives.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FOLEY,

Chief of Police.

Report of Elizabeth White Fund

The Trustees have signed orders to the Treasurer for two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) for the year ending December 31, 1942.

These orders have been given after careful investigation with the knowledge that each person is worthy of help from this trust fund.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO WHITCOMB,
CHARLOTTE CONANT,
CLARA SAWYER,

Trustees of the Elizabeth White Fund.

Report of the Fire Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the Fire Department for the year 1942.

The total number of alarms responded to by the entire department are as follows:

Building	14
Automobile	2
Chimney	9
False	1
Out of Town	0
Oil	0
Miscellaneous	0
Total cost of extinguishing	\$535.53

The ladder truck at South Acton has been condemned and has been taken out of service. An application for the new truck to replace this ladder truck has been sent to Washington six times and returned as many times refused. Nevertheless, a seventh application has gone in and it has not been heard from to date. I expect that by persistent effort we will eventually be rewarded.

The department is now fairly well equipped with new hose and the men are well equipped with new coats, boots, helmets and badges. I feel that we will not have to spend any extra amount of money this year for equipment.

I would like to see, as soon as possible, fire alarm boxes distributed throughout the town at danger points. These boxes are very important inasmuch as they would be there for use twenty-four hours a day, rain or shine. A person

simply pulls the lever and the box sends in the proper alarm. This process would eliminate loss of time through telephoning or making mistakes that result from excitement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Chief Fire Department.

Forest Warden's Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Your Forest Warden submits the report for the year ending December 31, 1942.

Total number of fires responded to ..	31
Out of town calls	0
Labor cost of extinguishing	\$534.65

The Forest Fire Patrol was put on this year for the first time during the heavy fire season. As there were less fires than usual during this particular period, I feel that the money spent in patrolling was a good insurance against property loss.

The forest fire truck, hose and other equipment are in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Forest Warden.

Report of Town Forest Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

The Acton Town Forest Committee herewith submits the following report for the year 1942.

With no funds available, we have been unable to purchase additional land to add to our forest or to make improvement thinnings in our present forest.

The present fuel situation, national shortage of lumber and inadequate transportation emphasizes the importance and value of local municipal forests. These can be managed so as to give annual crops of wood and lumber. Several municipal forests of sufficient size are now reporting annual profits.

We again solicit the donation of cut over land or parcels of woodland to be added to our Town Forest.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. JENKS,
CLARENCE FROST,
JAMES J. KNIGHT,
Town Forest Committee.

Report of Tax Collector

1940 TOWN TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	\$9,889.80
Interest	639.96
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	\$10,529.76
 Paid Treasurer	 \$10,321.02
Abated	204.48
Tax Titles	4.26
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	\$10,529.76

1941 TOWN TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	\$23,162.89
Interest	415.17
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	\$23,578.06
 Paid Treasurer	 \$14,913.68
Abated	192.26
Tax Titles	4.26
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	8,467.86
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	\$23,578.06

1942 TOWN TAX

Committed	\$90,788.54
Interest	32.21
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	\$90,820.75
 Paid Treasurer	 \$69,558.36
Abated	1,284.39

Tax Titles	59.64
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	19,918.36
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	\$90,820.75

1940 PERSONAL TAX

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	\$836.53
Interest	55.52
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	\$892.05

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$864.36
Abated	27.69
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	\$892.05

1941 PERSONAL TAX

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	\$1,214.80
Interest	12.74
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	\$1,227.54

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$418.70
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	808.84
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	\$1,227.54

1942 PERSONAL TAX

Dr.

Committed	\$11,687.06
Interest	5.09
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	\$11,692.15

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$10,554.72
Abated	32.66
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	1,104.77
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	\$11,692.15

1940 POLL TAX

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	\$72.00
Interest	3.81
Costs	9.10
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	\$84.91

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$70.91
Abated	14.00
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	\$84.91

1941 POLL TAX

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	\$304.00
Interest	2.69
Costs	17.85
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	\$324.54

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$126.54
Abated	138.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	\$60.00
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	\$324.54

1942 POLL TAX

Dr.

Committed	\$1,988.00
Interest	24.85
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	\$2,012.85

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$1,462.85
Abated	252.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	298.00
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	\$2,012.85

1939 EXCISE TAX

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	\$8.13
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	\$8.13

Cr.

Abated	\$8.13
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	\$8.13

1940 EXCISE TAX

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	\$195.75
Interest	\$4.44
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	\$200.19

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$51.87
Abated	122.12
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	26.20
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	\$200.19

1941 EXCISE TAX

Dr.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	\$782.77
Committed Jan. 15, 1942	714.58
Interest	21.71
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	\$1,519.06

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$1,213.21
Abated	41.36
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	264.49
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	\$1,519.06

1942 EXCISE TAX

Dr.

Committed	\$8,024.16
Interest	4.01
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	\$8,028.17

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$6,774.60
Abated	52.04
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	1,201.53
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	\$8,028.17

SUMMARY OF COLLECTOR'S REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1943

Total Debits

1940 Town Tax	\$10,529.76
1941 Town Tax	23,578.06
1942 Town Tax	90,820.75
1940 Personal Tax	892.05
1941 Personal Tax	1,227.54
1942 Personal Tax	11,692.15
1940 Poll Tax	84.91
1941 Poll Tax	324.54
1942 Poll Tax	2,012.85
1939 Excise Tax	8.13
1940 Excise Tax	200.19

1941 Excise Tax	1,519.06
1942 Excise Tax	8,028.17
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	\$150,918.16

Total Credits

Cash Paid Treasurer	\$116,330.82
Abated	2,369.13
Tax Titles	68.16
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1942	32,150.05
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	\$150,918.16

CARRIE M. DURKEE,
Collector of Taxes.

Report of Finance Committee

We were in hopes to tell you approximately what your tax would be if our recommendations were followed, but these figures are not now available for this report.

At the time of Town Meeting we hope to give you this information.

This is the first year that we have faced a falling market as to income from the State of Massachusetts and this income is used to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation.

War demands are more in many new directions so that at the time this report is going to press it appears as if we could not escape a substantial increase in taxes.

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following recommendations for the ensuing year:

General Government	\$ 7,700.00
Bonds	275.00
Buildings and Grounds	2,000.00
Police Department	3,372.50
Fire Department	2,700.00
Forest Fires	700.00
Hydrant Service	3,453.00
Moth Department	1,000.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Health Department	1,000.00
Town Nurse and expenses	2,100.00
Highways, Village	1,450.00
Chapter 81	5,000.00
Chapter 90	1,500.00
Snow Removal, estimate	4,000.00

Street Lighting	3,750.00	
Public Welfare	2,500.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	21,000.00	
Veterans' Benefits	4,000.00	
Education	54,376.00	
Library Maintenance	1,500.00	
Library Books	200.00	
Cemeteries	2,800.00	
Liability Insurance	700.00	
Memorial Day	250.00	
Expense Dog Officer	200.00	
Work Relief	25.00	
Jones Community Field	100.00	
Interest on Notes and Bonds	345.00	
Interest on Revenue Loans	75.00	
Notes and Bonds	2,000.00	
Unclassified	650.00	
Rationing	1,300.00	
Spotting Tower	50.00	
Committee Public Safety	250.00	
		<hr/> \$133,821.50

For Education:

We recommend the appropriation of \$52,000.00, same as last year, with a War bonus added of \$2,376.00, to be divided according to Plan "A" presented by the school committee, allowing for payment of \$100.00 to each regular teacher and principal and a proportionate amount for each special teacher, to be paid in installments of one-tenth in each school month of 1943.

For Police Department:

We recommend the sum of \$3,372.50 be appropriated for the Police Department and that the Town go back to one full time officer, under the present conditions.

The appropriation to be divided as follows:

Chief's Salary	\$1,800.00	
Assistants' Salary for first three		
months	387.50	
Expenses and Operating Cruiser ..	950.00	
Chief's War Bonus for last nine		
months of year on the basis of		
\$300.00 for one year or until a		
second full time officer is con-		
sidered by the Town	225.00	
		————— \$3,372.50

Article 12:

We recommend the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Town Forest Committee.

Article 13:

We believe this town is still a rural community and because it is impossible to serve the whole town and because there are many farmers keeping pigs that would not want it,

We recommend, that there be no money appropriated or any expense contracted to the town, but the control of garbage collection and disposal be vested in the Board of Health so the local communities can be best served.

Article 14:

Recommend no action.

Article 17:

Recommend we accept Section 100A, Chapter 41, of the General Laws.

Recommend the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus account for the Reserve Fund.

The sum of \$1,031.08 was transferred during 1942 from the Reserve Fund to the following accounts:

Unclassified	\$ 100.00
General Government	595.60

Buildings and Grounds	117.26
Education	100.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Bonds	15.00
Highways, Chapter 81	3.22
	————— \$1,031.08

Precinct 1—Alden C. Flagg, W. Stuart Allen

Precinct 2—Henry E. Tolman, William T. Merriam

Precinct 3—Porter Jenks, Albert W. Locke

Finance Committee

Report of Tree Warden

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1942.

An appropriation of \$500 was made for this work last year. This money was used for emergency work alone. There was so much heavy trucking during the past year it was necessary to remove many of the lower limbs from the trees on Main Street from the Maynard line to the Westford line, for the public safety. Also broken limbs and dead trees throughout the town were removed.

Much of the necessary work has not been done as the appropriation was not large enough to do what was required.

I therefore recommend that an appropriation of \$800 be made for emergency work, such as trimming, bolting and removing trees.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. KNIGHT,

Tree Warden,

Report of Superintendent of Moth Control Work

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1942.

An appropriation of \$1,000 was made for this work last year.

The cost of spraying material was about \$400. The labor and running expense of the sprayer and truck was about \$550. This money was only used for spraying. There was one spray throughout the town for gypsy and browntail moths. Not enough money was left from the appropriation to allow for a proper spray for the elm leaf beetle. Consequently, part of the town trees were left in rather poor condition. There was no creosoting or scouting for gypsy moth egg clusters this year. These are two necessary and important parts of the moth control.

I therefore recommend that an appropriation of \$1,500 be made for spraying for the gypsy moth and elm leaf beetle and for creosoting of gypsy moth egg clusters.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. KNIGHT,
Moth Superintendent.

Report of the Dog Officer

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I submit herewith my report as Dog Officer, covering work done for the year 1942.

Number of dogs disposed of in accordance with law	46
Number of dogs reclaimed by owners in accordance with law	5
Number of calls answered for dog nuisance	74
Warnings to delinquent owners to get licenses	112
Appropriation	\$200.00
46 dogs at \$3.00 for six days	138.00
46 dogs at \$1.00 for six days	46.00
Total for board and disposal	184.00

Gentlemen:

I, therefore, recommend that the appropriation for the year 1943 be the same.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR FRASER,

Dog Officer.

Treasurer's Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 1942

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Acton, Massachusetts:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1942.

Cash Balance, January 1, 1942	\$63,036.12
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Receipts for 1942:

Received from State Treasurer:

Highways	\$10,841.04
Old Age Assistance, Federal	15,492.68
Highways, No. 90	1,536.19
Aid Dependent Children, Federal	923.50
Income Tax	14,439.00
Aid Dependent Children	1,023.68
Old Age Assistance	11,330.46
Loss on Taxes	590.65
Vocational Education	13.46
Highways, Chap. 420	8,464.81
Training Schools	198.94
Meal Tax	194.20
Tuition	1,315.39
Business Corporation Tax	12,616.40
Gas Light and Water	1.10
State Aid	170.00
Military Aid	247.50
Public Health	25.00
Aid and Transportation	240.00
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	\$79,664.00

Received from County Treasurer:

Highways	\$3,785.87
Dog Refund	698.15
Dog Officer Refund	190.00

\$4,674.02

Received from Carrie M. Durkee,
Collector of Taxes:

Poll, 1940	\$ 58.00
Excise, 1940	47.43
Town, 1940	9,681.06
Personal, 1940	808.84
Town, 1941	12,972.85
Excise, 1941	2,717.16
Personal, 1941	405.96
Poll, 1941	106.00
Excise, 1942	6,770.59
Poll, 1942	1,438.00
Personal, 1942	10,549.63
Town, 1942	69,526.15
Interest	1,208.20
Costs	40.95

\$116,330.82

Miscellaneous Receipts:

Harlan E. Tuttle, Dog Licenses . . .	\$784.80
Town of Watertown, Old Age Assist.	75.00
Ralph Rogers, Rent of Hall	521.00
Town of Acton, Machinery Account	561.00
Elwin Hollowell, Care Lots	273.70
Concord District Court, Fines	261.15
Selectmen, Licenses	61.00
Board of Health, Nurse Services . . .	191.50
City of Cambridge, Welfare	185.95
Fred Kennedy, Sale Lots, Mt. Hope .	88.00
Fred Kennedy, Care Lots	384.50
Fred Kennedy, Burials	390.00

Fred Kennedy, Lowering Device ...	63.00
Arthur Raymond, Tax Title	381.60
Arthur Raymond, Interest	45.66
Arthur F. Davis, Library Fines ...	30.25
Selectmen, Telephone Calls	1.84
Carl E. Anderson, Sealer Weights ..	68.29
Boston & Maine R. R., Fires	218.27
First Nat. Bank Ayer, Rev. Loan ..	25,000.00
Michael Foley, Revolver Permits, '41	10.00
Michael Foley, Revolver Permits, '42	7.50
Michael Foley, Bicycle Registration	63.00
Horace F. Tuttle, Lots Sold, Woodln.	85.00
Town of Westford, Schools	253.70
Town East Bridgewater, Welfare ..	91.00
Town of Boxboro, Welfare	5.00
Theron A. Lowden, Prem. Refund .	26.99
Town of Concord, Land Tax	25.12
City of Boston, Schools	172.26
Fred Kennedy, Foundations	3.00
C. A. Durkee Ins. Agy., Ins. Refund	213.44
Town of Arlington, Old Age Assist. .	180.72
Town of Concord, Old Age Assist. .	15.00
Town of Wrentham, Old Age Assist.	129.28
City of Brockton, Old Age Assist. ..	13.34
City of Boston, Welfare	88.83
Carrie M. Durkee, Certificates	12.00
Town of Phillipston, Old Age Assist.	134.00
Town of Boxboro, Tuition	1,600.00
Arthur Kendall, Adj. Htg. Contract	17.10
Elwin Hollowell, Return on Drum .	6.00
Arthur F. Davis, Books Sold .....	.90
Transfer, Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	1,348.39
Transfer, Cemetery Funds	1,262.28
Transfer, Memorial Library	206.06
Transfer, Blanchard Fund	25.00

Cancelled Checks	34.00	
		<u>\$35,615.42</u>
Total Cash Receipts		\$236,284.26
Cash Balance, January 1, 1942 .		63,036.12
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Sum Total for 1942		\$299,320.38
Payments in 1942:		
Selectmen's Orders	\$214,637.37	
State Taxes	9,797.86	
		<u>\$224,435.23</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 1942 ..		\$ 74,885.15

OUTSTANDING NOTES AND BONDS

High School Bonds, due 1943 to 1945	\$ 3,000.00
High School Addition Notes, 162 to 176, due 1943 to 1957	15,000.00
Anticipation Revenue Loan, Note 178, due June 25, 1943	25,000.00

SUSAN NOYES HOSMER FUND

Balance January 1, 1942:		
Principal Fund	\$82,238.95	
Unexpended Balance	315.57	
		<u>\$82,554.52</u>
Received Interest for 1942		1,752.80
		<u>\$84,307.32</u>
Balance December 31, 1942:		
Bank Balances in Banks		\$82,958.93
Transfer to Town Account		1,348.39
		<u>\$84,307.32</u>

CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1942:

Principal Fund	\$43,962.21	
Unexpended Balance	2,621.11	
	<hr/>	\$46,583.32
Received for Perpetual Care		950.00
Received Interest for 1942		972.30
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		\$48,505.62

Balance December 31, 1942:

Bank Balances in Banks	\$47,243.34	
Transfer to Town Account	1,262.28	
	<hr/>	\$48,505.62

ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

Balance January 1, 1942:

Principal Fund	\$25,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	1,581.52	
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Received Interest for 1942		562.75
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Balance December 31, 1942 ..

	\$27,144.29	
Bank Balances in Banks	\$26,869.27	
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1942	275.00	
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WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1942:

Principal Fund	\$14,100.96	
Unexpended Balance	289.04	
	<hr/>	\$14,390.00
Received Interest for 1942		311.17
Overdraft in the year 1941		200.00
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		\$14,901.17

Balance December 31, 1942:	
Bank Balances in Banks	\$14,695.11
Transfer to Town Account	206.06
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	\$14,901.17

GEORGIA E. WHITNEY FUND

Balance January 1, 1942:	
Principal Fund	\$13,500.00
Unexpended Balance	62.49
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	\$13,562.49
Received Interest for 1942	286.08
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	\$13,848.57

Balance December 31, 1942:	
Bank Balances in Banks	\$13,548.57
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1942	300.00
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	\$13,848.57

LUKE BLANCHARD CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1942:	
Balance	\$1,505.13
Received Interest for 1942	25.47
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	\$1,530.60

Balance December 31, 1942:	
Bank Balances in Banks	\$1,505.60
Transfer to Town Account	25.00
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	\$1,530.60

CEMETERY SURPLUS

Balance January 1, 1942:	
Balance	\$1,023.53
Received Interest for 1942	20.56
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	\$1,044.09

Balance December 31, 1942:

Balance in Bank	\$1,044.09
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SARAH J. GREEN FUND

Balance January 1, 1942:

Balance	\$150.00	
Unexpended Balance	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$151.00
Received Interest for 1942		3.03
		<hr/>
		\$154.03

Balance December 31, 1942:

Balance in Bank	\$154.03
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WEST ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1942:

Balance	\$622.24
Received Interest for 1942.....	12.50
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	\$634.74

Balance December 31, 1942:

Balance in Bank	\$634.74
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ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1942:

Principal Fund	\$2,105.00	
Unexpended Balance	133.53	
	<hr/>	\$2,238.53

Received to Fund:

Company Salaries	\$230.00	
Interest for 1942	46.05	
	<hr/>	\$276.05
		<hr/>
		\$2,514.58

Balance December 31, 1942:	
Balance in Bank	\$2,510.58
Paid Trustee's Order for 1942	4.00
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	\$2,514.58

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HENRY SOAR,
Town Treasurer.

Report of the Town Accountant

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Acton:

I herewith submit my annual report covering the financial transactions of the town for the year ended December 31, 1942. Included are a detailed statement of the expenditures of each department, a tabulated record showing the appropriations, transfers and the balances as of December 31, 1942. Also are included the statements of the Reserve Fund transfers, Machinery Fund, and Cemetery Land Fund, a balance sheet as of December 31, 1942.

I have audited the books of the Collector of Taxes and verified the cash on hand. I have audited the books of the Treasurer and verified the several trust funds in his custody. I have verified the funds in the custody of Trustees.

HOWARD L. JONES,
Town Accountant.

Appropriations and Expenditures, January 1, 1942 to December 31, 1942

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
	Balances	Transfers	
General Government	A	\$7,200.00	
	T	595.60	
Bonds, Town Officers	A	251.50	\$7,795.60
	T	15.00	
Buildings and Grounds	A	2,000.00	266.50
	T	117.26	
Police	A	4,200.00	2,117.26
Cruiser	A	1,500.00	4,154.95
Fire Department	A	2,800.00	1,499.00
Forest Fires	A	900.00	2,606.44
Fire Department, Boots and Coats	A	500.00	786.12
Fire Department, New Hose	B	3,000.00	362.37
New Ladder Truck	A	1,000.00	2,990.00
Hydrants	A	3,453.00	10.00
Moth Department	A	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tree Warden	A	500.00	
	T	100.00	.05
Health	A	1,200.00	572.27
Town Nurse	A	2,200.00	873.79
			2,119.80

\$45.05 1 84 1

Highways, Village	A	1,450.00	963.82	486.18
Highways, Chapter 81	A	8,550.00		
	G	8,550.00		
	T	3.22	17,103.22	
Highways, Chapter 90	A	2,000.00		
	G	3,053.60	4,580.40	473.20
Snow Removal	A	4,000.00	3,908.25	91.75
Road Machinery	B	.28		
	T	750.00	739.45	10.83
Street Lighting	A	3,950.00	3,844.76	105.24
Power Grader	A	2,700.00	2,691.96	8.04
Welfare	A	5,000.00	3,683.40	1,316.60
State Aid	A	240.00	180.00	60.00
Military Aid	A	300.00		300.00
Soldiers' Relief	A	1,600.00	570.13	1,029.87
Aid to Dependent Children	A	2,000.00		
Aid to Dependent Children	G	923.50	1,783.96	1,139.54
Old Age Assistance	A	18,000.00		
	G	14,992.97	32,918.45	74.52
	G	499.71	499.71	
Old Age Assistance Adm.	A	52,000.00		
Education	T	100.00	52,090.93	9.07
Library Maintenance	A	1,500.00	1,212.27	287.73

	Approp. Balances Transfers	Expended	Balance
Library Books	A 200.00		
	T 206.06	406.06	
Cemeteries	A 2,800.00	2,515.19	284.81
Cemeteries, Perpetual Care	T 1,262.28	1,262.28	
Cemeteries, Blanchard Fund	T 25.00	25.00	
Susan Hosmer Cemetery Fund	T 1,348.39	1,348.39	
Insurance of Town Employees	A 800.00	707.42	92.58
Committee on Public Safety	B 4,167.39	2,208.49	1,958.90
Memorial Day	A 250.00	227.38	22.62
Expense of Dog Officer	A 200.00	186.75	13.25
Insurance of High School	A 300.00	187.67	112.33
Work Relief	A 200.00	28.10	171.90
Jones Community Field	A 300.00	267.83	32.17
Seats for Town Hall	A 250.00	250.00	
Heating Plant Town Hall	A 2,500.00		
Refund for over-payment	17.10	2,504.16	12.94
Spotting Tower	A 400.00	298.50	101.50
Unclassified	A 400.00		
	T 100.00	405.12	94.88
Interest on Notes and Bonds	A 400.00	400.00	

Interest on Revenue Loans	A	100.00	58.50	41.50
Notes to Bonds	A	1,905.33		
	B	94.67	2,000.00	
Redemption of Tax Titles	A	100.00	5.00	95.00
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		\$183,021.86	\$172,659.60	\$10,362.26
No Appropriation Accounts:				
Revenue Loan			\$25,000.00	
Highway Loan			10,000.00	
State Tax			9,300.00	
State Corporation Public Service Tax			378.61	
State Park Tax			119.25	
County Tax			4,855.09	
County Hospital Assessment			1,012.12	
Refunds, Taxes			138.36	
County Dog Licenses			766.20	
County Dogs Sold			6.00	
Transferred to Library Fund			200.00	
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			\$224,435.23	

A Appropriations
 B Balance
 T Transfers

Cash Receipts and Departmental Payments

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

See Treasurer's Itemized Report ...	\$236,284.26	\$299,320.38
Cash Balance January 1, 1942	63,036.12	
	<hr/>	\$299,320.38

PAYMENTS

General Government

Selectmen, Salaries and

Wages:

Selectmen	\$ 700.01	
Clerks	1,034.00	
Selectmen's Assn. Dues .	6.00	
Stationery and Postage .	55.89	
Town Reports	470.00	
Assn. of Finance Com- mittees	10.00	
Sundry Expense	20.55	
	<hr/>	\$2,296.45

Collector of Taxes:

Salary	\$1,000.00	
Stationery and Postage .	161.38	
Printing and Adv.	58.44	
Sundry Expense	9.96	
	<hr/>	\$1,229.78

Assessors:

Salaries	\$850.00	
Transfers	32.17	
Metal file	46.96	
Attending meetings	35.00	
Stationery	102.82	
Sundry expense55	
	<hr/>	\$1,067.50

Treasurer:

Salary	\$500.00	
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Stationery and Postage .	167.43	
Telephone	12.50	
Safe deposit box	6.00	
Certification of note ...	2.00	
Sundry expense	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$690.43

Town Accountant:

Salary	\$500.00	
Stationery, postage	38.06	
	<hr/>	\$538.06

Town Clerk:

Salary	\$200.00	
Rec. vital statistics	84.75	
Stationery, printing	93.24	
Binding records	5.72	
Postage	15.00	
Telephone	20.00	
Attending meetings	10.00	
Sundry expense	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$430.71

Public Welfare:

Salaries	259.38	
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Cattle Inspector:

Salary	125.00	
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Sealer of Weights and

Measures:

Sal. and Transportation .	\$200.00	
Supplies	17.32	
Advertising	2.25	
	<hr/>	\$219.57

Soldiers' Relief Agent:

Salary	\$50.00	
Membership dues, Mass.		
Assn.	2.00	\$52.00

Board of Health:

Salaries	48.32		
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Election and Registration:

Salaries and Wages—

Registration	\$275.00
Election officers	195.00
Labor on voting booths	5.75
Moderator	35.00
Street lists	84.38
Lunches	22.54
Posting warrants	25.00
Rent	52.00
Printing	143.73

	<hr/>	\$838.40	\$7,795.60
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Bonds:

Collector, Treasurer, Town

Clerk, Deputy Collector	\$266.50
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Buildings and Grounds:

Salaries and Wages—

Janitor	\$410.86
Care of clock and flag	58.00
Repairs	59.49
Care of grounds	139.51
Grading, inc. fertilizer	68.60
Heat	577.20
Light	350.49
Telephone	70.26
Water	17.85
Flags	23.78
Cleaning bronze tablets .	20.00
Lawn mower	15.00
Cement	13.92
Light fixtures	15.40
Sundry items	146.56
New chain for clock ...	130.34

	<hr/>	\$2,117.26
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Protection of Persons and
Property:

Police Department—

Salaries and Wages—

Chief	\$1,875.87
Patrolman	1,568.44
Special officers	71.25
Telephone	104.10
Gas and oil	245.29
Printing, postage	28.38
Servicing radio	33.75
Auto repairs	45.55
Tires	45.70
Medical services	8.00
Auto insurance	12.00
Reflectors	40.00
Plates for bicycles	24.00
Flashlights	11.60
Chains	4.80
Receiver	31.00
Sundry items	5.22

\$4,154.95

Cruiser Equipped with Radio

\$1,499.00

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages—

Annual Salaries	\$460.00
Fires	611.48
Janitors	360.00
Gas and Oil	57.11
Towel service	10.00
Heat	355.83
Light	148.58
Telephone	97.96
Water	36.00
Hose racks	36.70
Badges	65.77

Repairs to equipment ..	72.55
Equipment	232.49
Sundry	61.97

\$2,606.44

Forest Fires:

Salaries and Wages—

Fire Patrol	\$305.00
Fires	481.12

786.12

New Hose

2,990.00

Rubber boots and coats .

362.37

Hydrant rental

3,453.00

Moth Department:

Salaries and Wages—

Supt.	\$189.01
Labor	238.20
Truck	54.00
Spraying material	453.75
Repairs	15.81
Gas and oil	34.90
Sundry	14.28

999.95

Tree Warden:

Salaries and Wages—

Supt.	\$350.43
Labor	77.40
Trucks	130.25
Tools	8.03
Tree paint	2.75
Sundry	3.41

572.27

Health Department:

Salaries and Wages—

Agent	\$ 69.30
Labor at dump	588.00

Prof. service	170.00
Gasoline	6.94
Postage .....	.75
Supplies	36.00
Sundry	2.80

873.79

Town Nurse—

Salary	\$2,000.00
Supplies	119.80

2,119.80

Dog Officer:

Keeping and killing dogs	\$184.00
Postage and printing ..	2.75

186.75

Highways

Village:

Salaries and Wages—

Supt.	\$146.25
Includes use of truck	
Labor	187.00
Truck	173.75
Equipment rental	146.00
Broken stone	101.34
Gas	8.50
Paint	90.29
Sundry items	110.69

\$963.82

Chapter 81:

Salaries and Wages—

Superintendent	\$1,696.00
Includes use of truck	
Labor	4,935.70
Trucks	3,197.00
Equipment rental	2,779.50
Broken stone	400.80
Tar and road oil	1,638.69
Gravel	68.70

Concrete pipe, culverts .	1,532.56	
Bricks	261.00	
Guard rail posts	312.00	
Grates and frames	237.15	
Sundry items	44.12	
	<hr/>	\$17,103.22

Chapter 90, Maintenance:

Salaries and Wages—

Superintendent	\$481.50	
Includes use of truck		
Labor	1,507.20	
Trucks	504.75	
Equipment rental	465.50	
Broken stone	503.55	
Cable guards	104.00	
Sand	16.20	
Tar and road oil	836.00	
Sewer pipe	161.70	
	<hr/>	\$4,580.40

Total Highways	\$22,647.44
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Snow Removal:

Salaries and Wages—

Superintendent	\$511.64	
Includes use of truck		
Labor	556.15	
Trucks	699.01	
Equipment rental	88.50	
Plowing snow	1,247.50	
Blades and parts	541.60	
Salt	209.00	
Sand	20.10	
Gas	2.79	
Sundry items	31.96	
	<hr/>	\$3,908.25

Machinery Account:

New equip., tools, etc ...	\$370.25
Gas and oil	257.84

Repairs to equipment . . .	102.78		
Sundry items	8.58		
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			\$739.45
Street Lighting			3,844.76
Charities:			
Public Welfare,			
Temporary Aid—			
Attended meetings . . . \$	24.58		
Stationery	1.87		
Fuel	187.28		
Rent	275.10		
Light	3.07		
Provisions	16.03		
Medical Aid	11.00		
Burial	100.00		
Transportation	5.00		
Cash to Individuals . .	1,015.00		
Relief by other cities			
and towns	2,044.47		
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			\$3,683.40
Aid to Dependent Children:			
Cash Aid	\$860.46		
U. S. Grant:			
Cash Aid	923.50		
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			\$1,783.96
Old Age Assistance:			
Cash Aid	\$17,673.48		
Aid by other cities and			
towns	252.00		
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			\$17,925.48
U. S. Grant:			
Administration—			
Salary and Expense . . \$	499.71		
Assistance—			
Cash Aid	14,992.97		
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			\$15,492.68
			33,418.16

Soldiers' Relief

Travel Expense	\$ 5.93
Rent	80.00
Fuel	45.50
Milk	167.90
Cash Aid	270.80

570.13

State Aid:

Cash Aid

180.00

Education:

See Report of School Committee

52,090.93

Library

Maintenance:

Salary and Wages—

Librarian	\$108.00
Assistant librarian ...	153.00
Janitor	153.00
Rebinding books, cata- loguing, writing cards, etc.	52.45
Postage	1.01
Heat	306.41
Light	53.19
Water	12.00
Insurance	49.67
Sundry items	9.28

\$898.01

Branch Libraries:

Salaries and Wages—

Librarians	\$212.00
Janitor service	21.60
Heat	37.66
Transportation of books	43.00

\$314.26

\$1,212.27

Library Books:

Books, magazines, etc. . .	\$406.06
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Cemeteries

Salaries and Wages—

Superintendents	\$1,015.06
Labor	627.80
Laying out lots and compiling report of lots under perpetual care	\$ 26.50
Prof. services	25.00
Trucks	145.38
Seed, loam, fertilizer . . .	165.97
Cement	13.90
Piper, fittings, labor . . .	39.85
Spraying	27.08
Water	34.85
Flowers and shrubs	39.90
Printing and postage, tel- ephone	31.12
Lumber	18.35
Insurance	45.00
Light	10.50
Burial equipment	140.93
Sundry items	108.00

\$2,515.19

Perpetual Care:

Salaries and Wages—

Superintendents	\$642.50
Labor	509.10
Flowers	73.40
Fertilizer	20.83
Welding fence	12.50
Sundry items	3.95

\$1,262.28

Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund:

Salaries and Wages—

Superintendent	\$557.12
Labor	284.38
Trees and shrubs	291.93
Loam	104.00
Weed killer	52.75
Trucks	54.00
Sundry items	4.21

\$1,348.39

Luke Blanchard Fund:

Care of lots

25.00

Work Relief:

Treas. of U. S. A. Project	\$15.60
Surplus Commodities Division Rent	12.50

28.10

Memorial Day:

Music	\$125.00
Flowers and wreaths ..	53.00
Flags	36.68
Refreshments	8.05
Sundry items	4.65

\$227.38

Liability Insurance:

Premium	707.42
Seats for Town Hall	250.00
Power Grader	2,691.96

Jones Community Field:

Salaries and Wages—

Superintendent	\$145.20
Labor	75.00
Gas and oil	41.63
Sundry items	6.00

\$267.83

Insurance on High School:

Premiums	187.67
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Heating Plant for Town Hall:

Contract	\$2,390.90	
Extras	70.00	
Door and wiring material	26.16	
Over-payment, refunded		
See Treas. receipts ...	17.10	
	<hr/>	\$2,504.16

Spotting Tower:

Lumber, etc.	\$232.05	
Steel, bolts, etc.	36.03	
Coal	11.50	
Installing telephone	14.35	
Sundry items	4.57	
	<hr/>	\$298.50

Redemption of Tax Titles:

Exp. 2 trips to Boston ..	5.00
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Committee on Public Safety:

Salaries and Wages—

Clerk	\$124.50	
Postage and printing ...	33.11	
Telephone	56.78	
Supplies	10.03	
Typewriter	79.50	
Fire Alarm installed ...	88.00	
Sirens (3)	135.00	
Curtains	22.75	
Lumber	13.48	
Badges, pens and buttons	71.80	
Sundry items	46.74	
	<hr/>	\$681.69

State Guard Unit:

Clothing	\$873.14	
Ammunition and targets	125.00	
	<hr/>	\$998.14

Hospital Unit:

Medical supplies	\$195.86		
Gauze	38.82		
Canvas	12.25		
Lumber	90.01		
Soil pipe	24.58		
Pipe and fittings	163.02		
Sundry items	4.12		
	<hr/>	\$528.66	\$2,208.49

Unclassified:

Salaries and Wages—

Surveying	\$10.00		
Legal advice	25.00		
Damages	12.50		
Flags	16.50		
Sundry items	6.75		
	<hr/>	\$70.75	

Rationing Board:

Salaries and Wages—

Clerk	\$217.00		
Postage	3.15		
Supplies, printing, stationery	80.41		
Cabinet	28.46		
Sundry items	5.35		
	<hr/>	\$334.37	\$405.12

Notes and Bonds:

High School bonds	\$1,000.00		
High School addl. bonds .	1,000.00		
	<hr/>		\$2,000.00

Int. on notes and bonds:

High school bonds ...	\$160.00		
High School addition bonds	240.00		
	<hr/>		\$400.00

Interest on Revenue Loans

58.50

No Appropriation Items

Revenue Loans		\$25,000.00
Highway Loan		10,000.00
Agency:		
State tax	\$9,300.00	
State Parks	119.25	
State Corporation Public		
Service Tax	378.61	
County Tax	4,855.09	
Co. Hospital Assessment	1,012.12	
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		\$15,665.07
Refunds:		
Motor Vehicle Exc. taxes	\$90.34	
Real and Personal Prop-		
erty taxes	46.02	
Poll taxes	2.00	
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		\$138.36
Middlesex County Dog Licenses		\$ 766.20
Middlesex County Sale of Dogs		6.00
Transferred to Library Fund		200.00
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Total Expenditures		\$224,435.23
Cash Balance, December 31, 1942 ..		74,885.15
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		\$299,320.38

Statement of Reserve Fund Transfers:

General Government	\$	595.60
Buildings and Grounds		117.26
Unclassified		100.00
Education		100.00
Bonds, Town Officers		15.00
Highway, Chapter 81		3.22
Tree Warden		100.00

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		\$1,031.08
Unexpended balance		968.92
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\$2,000.00

Statement of Machinery Fund:

Balance, January 1, 1942	\$787.20	
Received from Town of Acton Rental of Road Machinery	561.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,348.20
Transferred to Road Machinery Acct.	\$750.00	
Balance, December 31, 1942	598.20	
	<hr/>	\$1,348.20

Statement of Cemetery Land Fund:

Balance, January 1, 1942	\$224.35	
Received from sale of lots	163.00	
	<hr/>	\$387.35
Balance, December 31, 1942		\$387.35

Comparative Balance Sheet, December 31, 1942

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
	1941	1941	1942
Cash	\$63,036.12	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Accounts RECEIVABLE			
Taxes:			
Real Estate Levy of 1940	\$9,889.80		
Real Estate Levy of 1941	23,162.89	10,000.00	598.29
Real Estate Levy of 1942		787.20	387.35
Personal Levy of 1940	836.53	224.35	18.60
Personal Levy of 1941	1,214.80		105.50
Personal Levy of 1942			
Poll Levy of 1940	72.00		
Poll Levy of 1941	304.00		
Poll Levy of 1942			
Motor Vehicle Exc. Levy, 1939	8.13		
Motor Vehicle Exs. Levy, 1940	195.75		
Motor Vehicle Exs. Levy, 1941	782.77		
Motor Vehicle Exc, Levy, 1942			
Departmental:			
Welfare	1,353.43		
Old Age Assistance	387.43		
State and Military Aid	447.50		
County Dog Account	66.00		
State Aid to Highways	4,552.15		
Revenue Loan		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Highway Loan		10,000.00	
Machinery Fund		787.20	598.29
Cemetery Land Fund		224.35	387.35
County Dog Tax			18.60
Tailings		71.50	105.50
Appropriation Balances			
Machinery Account .....		.28	10.83
Fire Dept., New Hose	808.84	3,000.00	
Committee on Public Safety	1,104.77	4,167.39	
Premium on Bonds		94.67	
Library Book Account		200.00	
Fire Dept., Ladder Truck			1,000.00
Reserve for Highway Debt	26.20	3,188.46	
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus	264.49	6,987.29	7,518.28
Overlays Reserves for Abatements:			
Levy of 1940	1,201.53	1,676.56	
Levy of 1941		1,928.66	1,557.22
Levy of 1942			1,953.12
Revenue Reserved until Collected:			
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		986.65	1,492.22
Tax Titles and Possessions ..		743.40	429.96

County Aid to Highways	2,259.39		Departmental	2,254.36	2,077.84
Tax Titles	670.12	356.68	State Aid to Highways	6,811.54	3,139.59
Tax Title Possessions	73.28	73.28	Surplus Revenue	51,724.71	71,036.09
Tax Judgement Excise	502.62	502.62			
Overdrawn Account:					
Highway, Chap. 81		3,139.59			
Debit Accounts:					
Temporary Highway	10,000.00				
State and County Assessment	32.31				
	<u>\$119,847.02</u>	<u>\$116,324.80</u>		<u>\$119,847.02</u>	<u>\$116,324.80</u>
DEBT ACCOUNTS					
Net Funded Debt	20,000.00	18,000.00	High School Bonds	4,000.00	3,000.00
			High School Addition Notes ..	16,000.00	15,000.00
	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,000.00</u>		<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,000.00</u>

Trust Accounts

	1941	1942
Trust Funds Cash and Securities	\$192,677.82	\$194,629.80

	1941	1942
Elizabeth White Charity Fund \$	26,581.52	\$ 26,869.27
Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund	13,562.49	13,548.57
Wilde Memorial Library Fund	14,390.00	14,695.11
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund ..	2,238.53	2,510.58
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	622.24	634.74
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	46,583.32	47,243.34
Cemetery Surplus Fund	1,023.53	1,044.09
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	1,505.13	1,505.60
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	82,554.52	82,958.93
Sarah T. Green Cemetery Fund	151.00	154.03
Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund	3,465.54	3,465.54

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\$192,677.82 \$194,629.80

Respectfully submitted,
 HOWARD L. JONES, Town Accountant.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
School Department
OF THE
TOWN OF ACTON
MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
1942

Organization

School Committee

Miss Fannie E. Davis, Chairman	.....	Term expires 1943
Mrs. Arthur Fraser		
(appointed until 1943)	..	Term expires 1944
Mr. Robert C. Hall	.....	Term expires 1945
Mr. Richard Lowden	.....	Term expires 1945
Mr. Edward A. Schmitz	.....	Term expires 1943
(Mrs. G. Howard Reed for January and February, 1943)		
Mr. Walter B. Stevens	..	Term expires 1944

Meetings of the School Committee

Regular meetings of the school committee are held the first Tuesday of each month in the high school at 8:00 p.m. Exceptions may be made during July and August.

Superintendent

Richard B. Greenman

Office—High School Building, Telephone 110

School PhysicianErnest A. Mayell, M.D.
East Acton, Telephone 345-3

School Nurse Mrs. Simon D. Taylor, R.N.
North Acton, Telephone 33-22

Attendance Officer Carl Anderson
West Acton, Telephone 105 or 16-12

Custodians:

High School, Tel 110 Daniel MacDougall
Center School, Tel, 86 Ralph Rogers
South School, Tel. 445 Benjamin Sawyer
West School, Tel. 105 Carl Anderson

Tentative Calendar for 1943

January 4—Schools open.
February 19—Schools close.
March 1—Schools open.
April 16—Schools close
April 26—Schools open.
May 31—Holiday (Memorial Day).
June 4—Elementary schools close.
June 11—High school graduation.
June 18—High school closes.

School Year 1943-1944

September 8—High school opens.
September 13—Elementary schools open
October 12—Holiday (Columbus Day).
October 29—Teachers' Convention.
November 11—Holiday (Armistice Day).
November 25 and 26—Thanksgiving Recess.
December 23—Elementary schools close.
December 24—High school closes.

1944

January 3—Schools open.
February 18—Schools close.
February 28—Schools open.
April 14—Schools close.
April 24—Schools open.
May 31—Holiday (Memorial Day).
June 2—Elementary schools close.
June 9—High school graduation.
June 16—High school closes.

No School Signal—All Schools All Day

7:00 A. M., fire whistle in all precincts—2-2-2-2

7:00-8:00 A. M., radio announcements over WBZ and WEEI

STANDING RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1. *Admission to School*

Children shall not be admitted to the public school until they are 5 years, 8 months of age on or before September 1, except in the case of those children 5 years, 6 months of age on September 1, whose mental age and physical condition are satisfactory. Ordinarily, entrance must come during the first two weeks of school. All children entering for the first time must present birth and vaccination certificates.

2. *School Sessions*

The total length of sessions shall be $5\frac{1}{4}$ hours in the elementary schools and 6 hours in the high school, with sufficient recesses. The doors of schools shall not be opened to pupils except by the principals or persons delegated by the principals.

3. *School Busses*

All pupils living a mile or more away from the schools they attend are entitled to bus transportation. Bus pupils must meet the bus schedule and, while on the bus, conduct themselves properly.

4. *Excuses for Absence and Tardiness*

Pupils are expected to attend school regularly. They must present a written excuse signed by parent or guardian for each absence or tardiness.

5. *Detention*

Pupils may be detained after school in the afternoon not longer than 30 minutes in the elementary schools and for a longer period in the high school.

6. *Contagious Diseases*

State Laws: Chapter 71, Section 55; Chapter 76, Section 15:

"A child from a household where a person is ill with small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, or any other infectious or contagious disease, or from a household exposed to contagion from any such disease in another household, shall not attend any public school during such illness or exposure until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the local board of health, school physician or from the attending physician, stating that danger of conveying such disease by such child has passed."

7. *School Property*

Pupils shall be held responsible for books loaned to them by the school authorities, and shall not mar or injure any form of school property.

8. *Fire Drill*

Fire drills shall be given at least once in two weeks in the elementary schools and at least once a month in the high school.

Teachers in Service

As of January 1, 1943

Center School

	Appt.	Graduate of	Home Address
Robert T. Roy, Prin., B. S. E.	1942	Hyannis State College	West Acton
Ruth Berglund	1935	Lesley Normal School	South Acton
Louisa Jordan (Mrs.), B. S. E.	1942	Hyannis State College	Acton

South School

Julia McCarthy, Prin.	1906	Fitchburg State College	South Acton
Florence Merriam	1927	Fitchburg State College	South Acton
Carolyn Tuttle, B. S. E.	1940	Fitchburg State College	South Acton

West School

Howard A. Libby	1942	Gorham Normal School	West Acton
Grace Callanan, B. S. E.	1935	Fitchburg State College	West Acton
Helen Connell, B. S. E.	1942	Boston University	South Acton
Alice Feehan, B. S. E.	1938	Fitchburg State College	South Acton

High School

Richard B. Greenman, Prin. A. B., Ed. M.	1935	Harvard University and Boston University	West Acton
Walter W. Holt, Vice-Prin. of S. H. S., B. S., M. A.	1928	Dartmouth College and Boston University	East Acton
Kalervo Kansanniva, Vice- Prin. of J. H. S., B. S. E.	1938	Fitchburg State College	East Acton
Lydia Abbott, A. B.	1942	Colby College	West Acton
Rebecca Bartlett, B. S. E.	1939	Framingham State Coll.	East Acton
Margaret Boornazian	1929	Burdett College	West Acton
Ruth Eynon, B. S. E.	1941	Salem State College	East Acton
Robert Harris, A. B.	1940	Harvard University	Acton
Ralph Hayes	1942	Castelton Normal School	Boxboro
Wilbert Hayes	1942	Gorham Normal School	West Acton
Henry Hopkinson, L. L. B.	1930	Northeastern Law School	West Acton
Marjorie Jones, B. S.	1931	Simmons College	South Acton
Marion Towne, A. B.	1921	Smith College	Concord

Supervisors

Rosemary O'Neil, B. S. E.	1942	B. U. Sargent School	South Acton
Constance Russo	1941	School of Practical Art	Waltham
Charles K. Yeremian	1941	Longy School of Music	Watertown

School Committee

To the Voters of Acton :

The school committee herewith submits its report with that of the superintendent of schools for the year 1942.

Mrs. Olive Bundy of South Acton resigned from the committee in August, to join the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Her office was filled by Mrs. Margaret Fraser, who was voted by the remaining members of the committee, and the selectmen, to fill the vacancy until the March election.

Acton has lost several teachers during the year to the armed forces and better paying positions. There is an acute shortage of teachers, and it is almost impossible to replace those who leave here for better positions.

The committee has very carefully figured the 1943 budget, and, because of existing conditions, feels justified in asking for additional money to operate on, and to try to hold our teachers for the benefit of the youth of Acton.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE E. DAVIS, Chairman.

Comparison of Net Cost for Acton Schools

	1941	1942
Received by town treasurer on account of schools—		
State Treasurer:		
General School Fund (state aid on account of teachers' salaries) .	\$4,110.00	\$4,519.00
Tuition of State Wards (full) ..	779.84	1,315.39
Vocational Education—Waltham .	108.09	212.40
Trade School (one-half)		
Middlesex Training School (one-half)	55.06	
Boxboro Tuition	1,313.43	1,600.00
Westford Tuition	217.44	132.12
City of Boston, tuition of wards ..	115.56	172.26
Total received	\$6,699.42	\$7,951.17
Appropriated	\$47,375.00	\$52,100.00
Spent from appropriation	47,369.01	52,080.83
Received by town treasurer ...	6,699.42	7,951.17
Net cost	\$40,669.59	\$44,129.66

Notes:

1. Receipts were larger in 1942 because of
 - a. One additional teacher.
 - b. A large group of boys attending the Waltham Trade School.
 - c. An increase in paying students.

	1940-41	1941-42
Wards	14	42
Boxboro students	10	17

2. The town will receive \$190 in 1943 from the U. S. Government for the sale of school typewriters as requested by the Treasury Department.

3. The net cost of education in Acton in 1942 was \$7951.17 (about 15%) less than the amount appropriated.
4. In comparing the school costs in 1941 and 1942, the increase in appropriation was \$4,725, but the increase in net cost was only \$3,460.07.
5. The large number of wards and out-of-town students attending Acton Schools accounts for the large receipts, about 15% of the appropriation in 1942. Thus the appropriation in Acton cannot be compared on an equal basis with that of all other towns of the same size and valuation. It appears that the net cost of schools in Acton is not excessive.
6. The townspeople, through their school committee, are at a turning point as far as the schools are concerned. The choice is between a policy of operating the schools at a minimum of cost, regardless of the service given, and a policy of operating the schools economically for the long-range benefit of the students at a slightly higher cost than at present, but one which the town can afford. The choice is now before the town.

Acton School Department

Proposed Budget for 1943

	1942	1943
2. Supt. of Schools and General Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
3. Supervisors (3)	2,200	3,550
4. Principals		
High (1)	1,000	1,200
Elementary (3)	4,100	4,940
5. Teachers		
High (12)	17,800	21,140
Elementary (7)	7,800	9,410

6. Textbooks	800	700
7. Stationery and Misc. Supplies	1,500	1,350
8. Wages of Janitors	3,840	3,840
9. Fuel	2,180	2,180
10. Janitor's Supplies and Power	1,200	1,200
11. Repairs	1,100	500
12. Libraries	55	200
13. Health	300	300
14. Transportation	5,000	4,750
15. Sundries	125	140
16. Vocational Education	500	100
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	\$52,000	\$58,000

*Summary of Expenses for Support for Year
Ending December 31, 1942*

Superintendent, Salary and Travelling Expenses .	\$2,150.00
Office Expenses	476.65
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Total General Control	\$2,626.65

Expenses of Instruction

Supervisors' Salaries, Drawing, Music, Physical Education	2,062.50
High School Principal	1,000.00
High School Teachers	17,501.48
Elementary Principals	4,107.50
Elementary Teachers	7,385.00
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	\$32,056.48
High School Textbooks	616.35
Elementary Textbooks	448.18
High School Stationery and Supplies	1,094.63
Elementary Stationery and Supplies	732.00
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	\$2,891.16

High School Operating Expenses

Janitor	\$1,391.44
Fuel	1,047.78
Miscellaneous	852.52
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	\$3,291.74

Elementary Operating Expenses

Janitors	\$2,404.00
Fuel	956.98
Miscellaneous	538.12
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	\$3,899.10

Total Operating Expenses	7,190.84
High School Maintenance and Repairs	455.66
Elementary Maintenance and Repairs	1,130.24
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Total Maintenance and Repairs	\$1,585.90
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Auxiliary Agencies

Health, High	\$149.50
Health, Elementary	125.00
Libraries	107.05
Transportation	4,925.05
Vocational Education	188.16
Miscellaneous Expenses, High	156.99
Miscellaneous Expenses, Elementary	78.10
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	\$5,729.80

Total Expended	\$52,080.83
Unexpended Balance .	19.17
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Appropriation	\$52,100.00
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Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Acton, Massachusetts,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my second annual report for the year ending December 30, 1942.

In March 1942, Mr. Robert C. Hall and Mr. Richard Lowden were elected to the school committee for a three-year term, and Mr. Edward A. Schmitz was elected to serve until 1943. Miss Fannie E. Davis was elected chairman, and the superintendent was elected clerk of the school committee. When Mrs. Hazel O. Bundy resigned in August 1942 to enter the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Mrs. Arthur Fraser was appointed to serve until the next regular town election.

Teachers

The following teachers terminated their service since January 1, 1942: Mr. Clayton E. Craig (to become principal of a school in Jaffrey, N. H.), Miss Helen Appleby (to be married), Mr. Robert L. Perry (naval reserve), Miss Cecelia Callanan (to teach in North Attleboro), Mr. John Mitchell (navy), Mr. Roger T. Walsh (navy), and Miss Rita O'Donnell (WAAC). Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Walsh are on leave of absence.

The following teachers were appointed: Miss Helen B. Connell, elementary remedial teacher; Miss Rosemary O'Neill, physical education supervisor; Miss Lydia Abbott, junior high school; Robert T. Roy, principal of Center School; Howard A. Libby, principal of West School; and Wilbert Hayes, industrial arts.

Mrs. Chester Jordan (Louisa Wood) was transferred to

Grades 1 and 2 in the Center School, and Mr. Ralph Hayes to the high school English and coaching position.

Five teachers are studying at the Boston University School of Education, and three men teachers are taking a refresher course in mathematics at the Harvard University School of Education under the ESMWT (Engineering, Science and Management War Training) program set up by the government to train teachers not in the field of mathematics or physics to take the place of teachers in those fields now in service.

Salaries

In the 14 school months between September 1, 1941 and December 31, 1942 there have been 14 resignations in a staff of 26 teachers and principals, an average of one a month. This is more than a 50% turnover, compared with 30% for 1941. In one year there have been 3 physical training supervisors and 3 eighth grade teachers. The need is still clear for increasing salaries enough to retain and attract teachers, who are the most important single factor in the education of our children. It is economical to pay what a teacher is worth, and it is costly to subject students to an ever-changing staff. The co-operative spirit and excellent work of our present staff, however, as reported in many quarters, suggest that the Acton people should have the best schools they can afford by keeping the staff as a unit. The answer lies in adequate salaries.

Financial

Your attention is directed to the *net cost* of our schools rather than to the amount appropriated. In 1942 the appropriation was \$52,100, but the net cost was only \$44,129.66. The amount received by the town on account of schools was \$7,951.17, about 15% of the appropriation, the receipts being listed in another part of this report under "Comparison of Net Cost for Acton Schools."

Your attention is also called to the urgent need to maintain our present staff of teachers. The committee asks for

\$6,000 additional to do this, which is about three-fourths of the amount the town received on account of schools in 1942. It is reasonable to use part of this income for adequate salaries, for the town does not consider the schools a source of revenue.

The long-range benefits from a plan of adequate salaries are readily seen. Teachers will not come to Acton only for experience, using the town as a stepping stone, as they have in the past, but will take a more lasting interest in the community. Good will on the part of the town toward the teachers in the form of adequate salaries long needed, will build up the school department and place it on a firm foundation. The parade of teachers will stop and the result will be a more effective training for our children, which all parents desire.

School Plant

Improvements in the school plant follow:

South School:

- Painting exterior.
- Plastering and painting one room.
- New bulletin boards.
- New fire escape door.
- Recapping chimney.
- Two radiators added.

Center School:

- Cement floor in part of basement.
- Work bench and shelves for janitor supplies.

West School: Washing walls.

High School: Painting boys' toilet.

Special appropriations will be needed in the near future. The high school roof, leaking in four places, December 30, 1942, will need to be replaced. The plaster and paint in Blanchard Hall need attention. The 5 hot air and 4 steam heaters in the 3 elementary buildings, costly to operate, should be replaced as a matter of economy, by a single steam boiler

in each building and additional radiators. Before the eyesight of elementary children can be safeguarded with 150-watt bulbs, the wiring of each building must be replaced in order to carry the load of electricity safely. Some new floors in the elementary buildings are needed. A consolidated elementary school would be an economy.

War and High School Program

The war has brought a number of changes in the high school program:

1. Physical fitness classes for every boy and girl 90 minutes a week.
2. Aeronautics class (6 boys, 1 girl).
3. Solid Geometry and Trigonometry class for seniors (15 members).
4. Standard First Aid Course required for senior girls.
5. Pre-induction course in shopwork, approved by the War Department.
6. Penny milk for all students to increase health (one-half pint for one cent).
7. War stamps on sale daily in the corridor.
8. Large servings of food at minimum prices through surplus commodities and wholesale purchases.
9. Granting of war-time diplomas to seniors in good standing leaving after February 1 for military service, early entrance to college, agriculture or industry with approval of senior adviser, principal, and school committee.
10. New folder-type of diploma.

Scholarship

The Honor Roll requirements have been raised as follows: High honors—all A's; Honors—2 or more A's and the rest B's. Graduates in 1942 now attend Massachusetts State College, Framingham and Hyannis State Teachers' Colleges,

Becker Junior College and Boston College. Three scholarships were awarded: \$100 by the Acton High School Scholarship Fund to Virginia Godfrey; \$50 by the Acton Center Woman's Club to Florence Lawson; and \$50 by the Acton Parent-Teacher Association to Helen Bjorklund. The West Acton Woman's Club, the Class of 1942, and the Class of 1943 made generous contributions to the Scholarship Fund.

Acton High School Scholarship Fund

For the year ending June 30, 1942 contributions amounting to \$100 have been received from the West Acton Woman's Club and from the Classes of 1941, 1942, and 1943. The balance on July 1, 1942 was \$493.65. It is a policy of the trustees to award or lend at least \$100 a year, hoping to receive in gifts at least the same amount.

Organization of High School

The junior and senior high school grades were set apart in two units with a vice-principal for each, Mr. Kansanniva and Mr. Holt. Separate lunch periods, assemblies, and social events are held, although the school unites in many activities. Most teachers have classes in both units.

New textbooks were adopted in Mathematics, English, History, Science and French.

A detailed course of studies for Acton in Art, Music and Physical Education have been made.

Parent-Teacher Association

The continued co-operation of the P. T. A. has been of great benefit to the school department. Its support of the hot lunch program in Acton Center, the Milk Fund, the Scholarship Fund, the Stage Equipment Fund is greatly appreciated.

Health

The dental work was discontinued in 1942 because no dentist could be secured to carry on the work. Some cases, however, were treated by neighboring dentists. The penny-

milk program, started in November, has made available to every student a half-pint bottle of milk for 1c, the Acton School Milk Fund paying .95c and the Agricultural Marketing Administration paying the balance. The demand for milk increased in all schools and more than doubled in the high school. The Dental Fund has a balance of \$9.66. A Health Survey of the Acton Schools was made by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, many of the recommendations already being in effect.

Athletic Association

All athletic teams showed excellent spirit and improvement in skill under the coaches: Miss O'Donnell, Miss O'Neill, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Kansanniva and Mr. Ralph Hayes. Total receipts of the association were \$1371.86 and payments were \$1165.93, the balance being \$205.93. Sales in the fall magazine campaign to support the A. A. reached a new total of \$712.50. A basketball banquet for the boys' and girls' squads was held in March.

Reports of Special Departments

Physical Training

High School Girls and Elementary Schools

A country at war needs youths who are physically fit. Therefore, a Physical Fitness Program is being pursued in the schools. The purpose of the program is to develop strength, agility and endurance. This end is accomplished through conditioning exercises and vigorous activities.

In the elementary schools there are exercises, mimetics, singing, games, story plays, relay races and games suitable for the age group.

In the junior and senior high schools every girl has two periods per week of physical education, plus extra curricular sports. Among the activities taken by the girls are exercises, folk dancing, stunts, tumbling and modern dancing. The particular phase taken in modern dancing is a study in rhythm,

space, time and focus, and the dancing is accompanied by percussive instruments.

The extra-curricula sports are field hockey, basketball, softball, hiking, bowling and skating. In the three former sports, the teams participate in intra-mural and inter-school competition.

Every student is given a physical examination, and physical education is required for all except those excused by a doctor. Hot and cold showers are compulsory after all activity.

Posture is stressed in all classes, posture tests are given and suggestions for improvement are made. Talks on health and cleanliness are also included in this program.

Suggestions:

1. Gymnasium uniforms required for all class work.
2. Warm sweat suits purchased by the A. A. for school team players.

A Physical Education Demonstration will be held at the High School on February 17, 1943.

Rosemary O'Neill

High School Boys

December 5, 1942 marked the initial appearance of a revised physical fitness program for all boys from Grades 7 through 12. Designed to replace the old course, the new program meets the present needs for health improvement through carefully planned calisthenics, elementary skills in tumbling, wrestling and boxing, wand drills and other valuable co-ordination exercises, and finally, the completion of endurance tests adapted by grades to meet minimum requirements as established within each individual group. Supplementing the new schedule will be varied sports for the purpose of developing the spirit of competition.

In embryo at present, the program has been well received by all classes, who spend ninety minutes each Tuesday, and, as planned, a supplementary afternoon period for the more enthusiastic students. To insure greater interest and scientific development in the various desired skills, professional advice and assistance has been assured.

Kalervo Kansanniva

Music

After a year of instruction and observation, I am happy to present my second annual report as supervisor of music.

A. Progress

1. Established a much needed course of studies for Grades 1-12, in order to insure uniform training in the entire school system, including vocal, instrumental, chamber music, theory and music appreciation.
2. Organized Rhythm Band in Grades 1 and 2 to stimulate musical interest and appreciation.
3. Instruments and music purchased:
 - a. Nine musical instruments.
 - b. Rhythm instruments for all first and second grades.
 - c. Four books for the high school music library.
 - d. Set of large colored picture of symphonic instruments.
 - e. All vocal and instrumental music for the high school.
 - f. Forty-one symphonic and operatic records for the high school.
 - g. Development of a high school orchestra of 22 members.
 - h. Fourteen students receiving instrumental instruction, our future material for the high school orchestra.

- i. Established annual spring music festival.
- j. Six music stands for the high school orchestra.
- k. Loan of six instruments to the school department by citizens of Acton.
- l. A gift of a violin by Miss Julia McCarthy.

B. *Recommendations*

For a better functioning program on a higher level of musical instruction, I would like to present the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. Replacement of music books in the lower grades.
2. Replacement of music books for Grades 7 and 8.
3. An appropriation of a sum annually for high school chorus and orchestra music.
4. Credit to high school students for outside music study. (Now in effect in East Bridgewater.)
5. Creation of a harmony and composition class as an advanced course of music appreciation.
6. An extra period for the high school orchestra and chorus.
7. An additional day of teaching in order to follow effectively the extended course of study from elementary grades to the high school.

The morale of all groups is excellent. I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the Parent-Teacher Association for their loyal support of the high school orchestra.

The co-operation of the school department and the townspeople has contributed to the success of this program, and it has been appreciated.

Charles K. Yeremian

Art

High school art students have had an opportunity to develop creative ability and to improve their techniques. Advanced problems in design, composition and color have been

worked out as a basis for posters, layouts, illustrations and portraits. Several graduates have been sending back their work for criticism.

The elementary work has served to stimulate the imagination through free expression. A new course of study for Grades 1-12 provides a transition from informal work in the grades to individual projects in high school.

Many Acton School posters have been awarded prizes by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. and by the Acton Center Woman's Club. An exhibit was held in the high school in April. The Art Department provided the new Honor Roll of former students in the service, which hangs in the corridor.

Among the needs of the department are reference books, a special supply cabinet for large materials, and a spray gun. Students with special skill should have additional periods.

Constance Russo

Home Economics Department

The Home Economics Department has had several changes this year. In September the lunch room was allotted surplus commodities by the government. This allowed for larger servings at the same price. A paid assistant helps in the lunch preparation and in cleaning-up after lunch. This is a great improvement as it gives the teacher more time for her classes and the classes more time for actual class work.

The penny milk program has been introduced into the high school as well as the elementary schools. Under this program the student pays only 1c. for a half-pint of milk. The balance is paid partly by the government and partly by a local sponsor. The high school milk is sponsored by the lunch room. This program is made possible for us because of the use of surplus commodities.

In the sewing classes the work is carried on as usual with the exception of particular emphasis upon remodeling old

garments. With much of our materials going into war uses it is important to be able to use outmoded clothes by making new ones from them.

Financial Report for 1942

Balance on hand, January 1, 1942	\$ 11.03	
Sales for 1942	1567.43	
Expenses for 1942	\$1567.17	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1943	11.29	
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	\$1578.46	\$1578.46

• Rebecca Bartlett

Industrial Arts

In this present emergency when so much depends upon industry and our armed forces, it is necessary to train our youth to take their places in the long and hard struggle ahead. Shop courses are directly beneficial in the training of our boys and girls to be of service.

Grade 7 is an introductory course in which as many types of shop work as possible, or advisable, are given to act as a background for future shop courses. Some of the types are drawing, woodworking and metal working.

Grade 8 is an exploratory and discovery course in which the student with one year of shop work begins to see possibilities and design projects of his own. Electricity and light machine work are added to the seventh grade courses, which are continued. The electricity consists of bell wiring, wire splicing, extension cord construction and the making of one or more electrical projects. The machine work consists of learning the use and care of the less dangerous machines such as the drill press, scroll saw, and the lathe. Projects consist of electric lamps, small tables, what-not shelves and many other desirable objects.

Grade 9 begins with an extensive mechanical drawing course for the purpose of teaching the use of the instruments

and equipment necessary to make a good working drawing. Following the drawing course is a course in home mechanics which teaches the student certain repair jobs that can be done about the home, such as faucet repair, care of windows and doors, and cement work. Three girls are enrolled.

Grade 10 introduces development drawing of sheet metal projects. This consists of the drawing of the flat pattern of such objects as cones, funnels, boxes, pipes, and many other things made of sheet metal. After the drawing of a project is completed, it is made, primarily for the purpose of teaching the use and care of sheet metal and the sheet metal equipment.

Grade 11 introduces machine or architectural drawing. The machine drawing consists of the drawing of metal objects that may be made or worked on, in the machine shop, such as spindles, pulleys and castings. The architectural drawing consists of the study of and drawing of house plans. Power machine work is emphasized and larger projects such as tables, book cases and metal lathe projects are made.

Grade 12 students choose any branch of shop work that they wish. Many times they select the type of work that they are preparing to follow as their vocation. Some types are electricity, machine shop, woodworking, and topographical and aircraft drawing. Two girls are taking this course.

Safety is stressed as of primary importance, and, to insure this, students are taught that they should never use a tool or a machine until they have been instructed as to its use and care. Each class is organized with a shop management plan in which the supervisor and other monitors are responsible to the instructor. This teaches them responsibility as well as aiding the safety program. All students are required to have an approved plan before a project may be started, thus saving time and material. Many students work in the shop during spare periods and after school.

Although the shop is fairly well equipped with tools and materials, any additional equipment would certainly pay

dividends in the experience of those who take the shop course.

New books and magazines have been added to the shop library, thus aiding in the ever-broadening shop curriculum.

Recommendations for shop improvement:

1. Double period classes.
2. Improved lighting.
3. Additional power metal-working machines.
4. An improved metal lathe.
5. An improved grinder.
6. A blue printing machine.
7. Consideration of pre-induction training courses for juniors and seniors.

In closing, I wish to thank the school committee and the townspeople for the kind consideration and co-operation that I have received, and state that any suggestions for shop improvement would be gladly received.

Wilbert Hayes

A strong spirit of co-operation exists in the entire school department and good morale is observed in all buildings. I want to thank the townspeople for their generous support and the school committee for its sympathetic consideration of school problems in a war year.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. GREENMAN,
Superintendent of Schools.

Report of the School Physician

Mr. Richard B. Greenman
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as School Physician.

The yearly physical examinations were completed on November 10, 1942.

The pre-school and diphtheria clinics were held in May and June.

Extra examinations were held for those taking part in sports as part of physical training.

The general physical condition of the school population is good.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. MAYELL, M.D.

Report of the School Nurse

Mr. Richard Greenman
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report as school nurse since my appointment September 1 until December 31. The annual school physicals show a marked improvement in our students since physical education has become a regular part of our school curriculum.

To date we have been quite free from communicable disease this year and hope to continue so.

Due to war conditions over which we have no control we are unable to have the dental clinic this year, but hope the work may be continued soon.

Statistical Report

Simple dressings	135
Pupils taken home ill	14
Pupils taken to dentist	3
Pupils taken to doctor from school ..	4
Pupil inspections	480
School physicals with Dr. Mayell	530
Audiometer tests	524
Audiometer re-tests	98

At this time may I express my gratitude for your hearty co-operation and that of the teachers, and my appreciation for the support of the Parent-Teachers Association.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN F. TAYLOR, R. N.

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Program

Friday, June 12, 1942

High School Auditorium at 8:00 P. M.

Entrance March of Seniors

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Elgar

Invocation

The Reverend D. Edward O'Bryan

Salutatory and Essay

The Importance of Chemurgy Today”

Virginia Godfrey

Girls' Glee Club

“Cycle of Life”

Ronald-Cain

“Fly, Singing Bird”

Elgar

Essay—“The Power of Music”

Florence Lawson

Presentation of Class Gift

Dorothy Curley

President of Senior Class

Essay—“The Bottlenecks of War Industries”

Geraldene Clapp

Valedictory

Helen Bjorklund

Class Song

Florence Lawson

Presentation of Awards

Supt. Richard B. Greenman

Presentation of Diplomas

Miss Fannie E. Davis

Finale March—“Priests' March”

Mendelssohn

Reception to Graduates

Graduates, 1942

Henry Eugene Bursaw, Jr.	*Clare Brunswicke Howard
*Helen Anna Bjorklund	*Florence Catherine Lawson
*Geraldene Clapp	George Waldo Livermore, Jr.
*Dorothy Marie Curley	Raymond McAvenia
Michael Gibbons Curley	Burton Atwood Merriam
Laura Blanche Diggs	Muriel Blanche Pelley
William Gerard Feely	Edward Leonard Pendergast, J.
Kathryn Ellen Flagg	Robert Williams Rimbach
Betsey Scott Flangan	Katherine Schofield
F. Maurice Foote	Martha May Sheehan
Margaret Ellen Fraser	Paul Justin Sweeney
*Virginia Claire Godfrey	*Geraldine Lorinda Tracy
Barbara Mae Gowen	Gladys Elaine Wamboldt
Evelyn Esther Greene	*Burton Howard Wayne

*Honor Students

Awards During Year:

Virginia Godfrey and George Livermore: American Legion Awards for best rank in Scholarship, Loyalty, and Achievement (Edwards-Quimby Post).

Helen Bjorklund: Washington-Franklin Medal for best records in American History (Massachusetts Society, Sons of the American Revolution).

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ITEM PRESS
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TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss



To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote at town meetings for the transaction of town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts, to wit:

Precinct 1—Town Hall, Acton Center

Precinct 2—Universalist Church, South Acton

Precinct 3—Woman's Club House, West Acton

at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, the sixth day of March, 1944, by posting a copy of this warrant by you attested, at each of the places as directed by vote of the town, seven days at least before the sixth day of March. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers:

Moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, collector of taxes, one selectman for three years; one assessor for three years; one member of the board of public welfare for three years; four constables for one year; one cemetery commissioner for three years; two members of the school committee for three years; one member of the board of health for three years; one trustee Memorial Library for three years; one trustee Memorial Library for one year to fill vacancy; and a tree warden.

The polls will be open at 12 o'clock noon, and close at 8 o'clock p. m.

You are further requested in the name of the Commonwealth to notify the legal voters of said town of Acton, as aforesaid, to meet at the Town Hall in said Acton, on Monday, the thirteenth day of March, at 7.30 o'clock, p. m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries of all town officers.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committee chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen,

to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the use of the Treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local Dog Officer. The town will be reimbursed for the amount spent by the County of Middlesex, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the maintenance of Jones Community Field, South Acton, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer \$750.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 or any other sum to be used by the Town Forest Committee for the purpose of purchasing additional forest land or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the work of the Post-War Public Works Committee, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for repairs to the town sprayer, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Welfare to employ a person from the Civil Service list for the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief in Acton, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to defray the necessary expenses of the person employed by the Board of Public Welfare in the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for power metal-working machines in the high school shop, as recommended in the report last year, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$277.88, as required by law, to be paid to the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board on account of teachers on leave of absence for military service, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 to install fluorescent lighting fixtures in all elementary classrooms or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for a new high school roof covering or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to have an annual audit of the various accounts of the town or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800.00 so that the Board of Health may renew the contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for the period of one year, or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375.00 for the installation of two overhead doors in the Acton Center Fire house and for the

painting of the Acton Center and South Acton Fire houses or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Acton, adopted on March 8, 1926, by adding at the end of Article 1 of Section 1, the following: The members of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee and the Board of Health, are to be equally represented from each of the three existing precincts, or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 from the Overlay Surplus as a Reserve Fund or act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for Highways under Chapters 81 and 90, provided that the reimbursement from the State and County be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account or act anything thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the following unpaid bills for 1943 or do or act anything thereon.

Fire Department	\$208.30
Forest Fires	130.10
Snow Account	28.75
Board of Health	26.00
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	\$393.15

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant

with your doings thereon to the town clerk at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Acton this twelfth day of January, 1944. .

ARTHUR W. LEE,
GEORGE S. BRAMAN,
Selectmen of Acton.

A true copy. Attest:

ROBERT G. WILLETT,
Constable of Acton.

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee

Selectmen

George A. MorseTown expires 1944
Arthur W. LeeTerm expires 1945
George S. BramanTerm expires 1946

Town Clerk

Harlan E. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

William Henry Soar

Assessors

Albert P. DurkeeTerm expires 1944
Clare A. MilberyTerm expires 1945
Carl C. FlintTerm expires 1946

Collector of Taxes

Carrie M. Durkee

Tree Warden

James J. Knight

Board of Public Welfare

Raymond L. HatchTerm expires 1944
Benjamin J. InesonTerm expires 1945
Mary M. LaffinTerm expires 1946

Constables

Samuel E. Knowlton
Ivar Peterson

Robert G. Willett
Lawrence Roche

Cemetery Commissioners

Harry E. Holt	Term expires 1944
Ray L. Harris	Term expires 1945
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1946

School Committee

Walter B. Stevens	Term expires 1944
Margaret Fraser	Term expires 1944
Richard A. Lowden	Term expires 1945
Robert C. Hall	Term expires 1945
Waldo J. Flint	Term expires 1946
Marion C. Reed	Term expires 1946

Trustees of Memorial Library

J. Sidney White	Term expires 1944
Frank A. Merriam	Term expires 1945
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1946

Board of Health

Francis B. Whouley	Term expires 1944
Lowell H. Cram	Term expires 1945
O. Lawrence Clark	Term expires 1946

Agent of Board of Health

Ernest E. Allsopp

Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

Clara L. Sawyer	Term expires 1944
Waldo E. Whitcomb	Term expires 1945
Charlotte Conant	Term expires 1946

Trustees of West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Arnold H. Perkins	Term expires 1944
H. Stuart MacGregor	Term expires 1945
James B. Wilson	Term expires 1946

Trustees of Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Frederick T. Kennedy	Term expires 1944
Clarence Frost	Term expires 1945
Herbert Merriam	Term expires 1946

Trustees of Goodnow Fund

Charles E. Smith	Term expires 1944
Charlotte Conant	Term expires 1945
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1946

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY SELECTMEN — 1943

Executive Clerk

Virginia Milbery

Office: Town Hall Hours: 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Meetings: Board of Selectmen, Wednesday evenings at 7:30

Board of Public Welfare, Tuesday evenings at 7:00.

Finance Committee

W. Stuart Allen	Henry E. Tolman
Alden C. Flagg	Albert W. Locke
William T. Merriam	Porter G. Jenks

Superintendent of Streets

William C. Kazokas

Town Accountant

Howard L. Jones	Term expires 1944
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Registrars of Voters

James B. Wilson	Term expires 1944
William B. Feely	Term expires 1945
James W. Coughlin	Term expires 1946
Harlan E. Tuttle	Ex-Officio

Election Officers

Precinct I

Warden—Alice C. Duren
Clerk—James A. Wayne
Inspector—Samuel E. Knowlton
Inspector—Paul A. Coughlin
Deputy Warden—Gertrude M. O'Neil
Deputy Clerk—Spencer H. Taylor
Deputy Inspector—Ralph L. Rogers
Deputy Inspector—Leo T. McCarthy
Teller—Louisa N. Wood
Teller—Mary L. FitzGibbon

Precinct II

Warden—Clarence Robbins
Clerk—Grace J. Cullinane
Inspector—Merle M. Hayward
Inspector—Sophia Walsh
Deputy Warden—Pauline Bursaw
Deputy Clerk—Thomas M. Murray
Deputy Inspector—Henry L. Capelle
Deputy Inspector—Joseph H. Lemoine
Teller—Marion L. Piper
Teller—John J. Bradley

Precinct III

Warden—Fannie E. Davis
Clerk—Charles A. Byron
Inspector—Havelock J. Schnair
Inspector—Mary M. Laffin
Deputy Warden—Bertram D. Hall
Deputy Clerk—Albert C. Gravlin
Deputy Inspector—Harry E. Holt
Deputy Inspector—Katherine M. Kinsley
Teller—Margaret F. Leveroni
Teller—Marion C. Reed

Fire Engineers

H. Stuart MacGregor, Chief Engineer
Clarence Frost, Asst. Engineer—Precinct I
David Clayton, Asst. Engineer—Precinct II
Arno H. Perkins, Asst. Engineer—Precinct III

Cattle Inspector

Ernest E. Allsopp

Forest Warden

H. Stuart MacGregor

Dog Officer

Arthur Fraser

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Carl E. Anderson

Town Forest Committee

Clarence Frost Term expires 1944
James J. Knight Term expires 1945
Albert R. Jenks Term expires 1946

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Oliver D. Wood Charles E. Smith

Field Drivers

Norman E. Livermore Robert G. Willett
Norman L. Perkins

Superintendent of Moth Work

James J. Knight

Police Officers

*Michael Foley, Chief

Robert G. Willett Benjamin Sawyer
Louis Leveroni Samuel Knowlton

*Civil Service—Permanent

Burial Agent

Waldo J. Flint

Soldiers' Relief Agent

Waldo J. Flint

Superintendent of Jones Memorial Field

Ralph Jones

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Howard L. Jones

Public Weighers

William Braman

A. W. Davis

M. B. Ferber

Philip Newell

Willard Houghton

W. H. Soar

Peter Olsen, Jr.

Charles Clark

Charles Claflin

John William Davis

Alfred Davis, Jr.

G. Howard Reed

W. H. Francis Davis

Thomas Hearon

Fred Stone

Albert S. Braman

Harold Whitney

William Kane

Edward Hellier

Roland Priest

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We submit, herewith, the reports of the various departments of the Town for the year ending December 31, 1943; also a report of the action taken on all articles submitted to the voters at the regular and special town meetings.

Shortly after the annual town meeting, the Boston & Maine Railroad stated that they wished to replace a steel girder in the South Acton railroad bridge. This necessitated that the bridge planking be removed and replaced with new material after the steel work was completed. It cost the town approximately \$800 to do this.

During the year, a new cement apron was installed along the east side of the town hall. A coal chute was placed in the foundation wall and a cement floor was laid in a part of the cellar. New overhead doors have been installed at the South Acton fire station and we recommend new doors be installed at the Acton Center fire house this coming year.

After filing a number of applications and making several personal calls for the new ladder truck, which was voted on at the annual town meeting in 1941, a release was finally granted and the new ladder truck was delivered to the Town of Acton and put into service on September 11, 1943. We feel that this piece of apparatus completes the requirements for the fire protection of the town.

Due to the fact that no money was allotted to the town for new road construction, a regular program of maintenance was followed.

The Board of Selectmen was asked to serve on a Roll of Honor committee along with six other citizens of the town. Necessary plans and details were arranged and on November 28, the Roll of Honor was presented to the town by Mr. Herbert Leusher and accepted by Chairman of the Selectmen, George A. Morse.

In the middle of December, Chairman Morse asked for a leave of absence, as he had entered the Armed Forces of his country. The board regretted to have him leave, but he did what he thought was his duty. Since it was so close to the end of the year, the two remaining members decided to carry on until the annual election.

The board wishes, at this time, to express its appreciation to all town officers and committees for their co-operation in carrying out the duties of their respective offices during the past year.

ARTHUR W. LEE,
GEORGE S. BRAMAN,
Selectmen of Acton.

TOWN MEETINGS

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting, March 8, 1943

Art. 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries of all town officers.

Chose Charlotte Conant trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund for three years.

Chose James B. Wilson trustee of the West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose Herbert W. Merriam trustee of the Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose Horace F. Tuttle trustee of the Goodnow Fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the Tax Collector be one thousand dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Selectmen be three hundred dollars per annum and the other members two hundred dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salaries of the Assessors be nine hundred dollars in the aggregate per annum to be apportioned as they may determine.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Board of Health be twenty-five dollars per annum, the clerk fifteen dollars and the other member ten dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Board of Public Welfare be one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum and that of the other members seventy-five dollars each per annum and that a member of the Board of Pub-

lic Welfare shall serve as Supervisor of Old Age Assistance and that the expense of administering this assistance such as necessary supplies, salary and traveling expense of said supervisor shall not exceed the amount provided for this purpose by the Federal Government.

Voted: That the salary of the Moderator be fifteen dollars for the annual meeting and ten dollars for special meetings.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Clerk be two hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Treasurer be six hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Accountant be six hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to fix the salaries of all other town officers.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers.

Voted: To accept the several reports of town officers.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committee chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

The Selectmen made a report on the purchase of a new fire truck for South Acton. Due to war conditions they were not able to purchase a new truck and the report was accepted as a report of progress.

No action was taken under this article.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Under this and other articles in the warrant it was voted to appropriate and raise by taxation for:

Highways, Village	\$ 450.00
Highways, Chapter 81	6,000.00
Highways, Chapter 90	1,500.00
General Government	7,700.00
Bonds (town officers)	275.00
Notes and Bonds	2,000.00
Buildings and Grounds	2,000.00
Police Department	
Chief's Salary	1,800.00
Assistant's Salary (1st 3 mos.)	387.50
Expenses and Operating Cruiser	960.00
Chief's War Bonus (9 mos.)	225.00
Fire Department	2,700.00
Forest Fires	700.00
Hydrant Service	3,453.00
Moth Department	1,000.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Health Department	1,000.00
Town Nurse and Expenses	2,100.00
Snow Removal	6,000.00
Street Lighting	3,750.00
Public Welfare	2,500.00
Veterans' Benefits	4,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	21,000.00
Department of Education, Schools	58,000.00
Library, Maintenance	1,500.00
Library, Books	200.00
Cemeteries	2,800.00
Liability Insurance	700.00
Memorial Day, Art. 5.	250.00
Expense of Dog Officer, Art. 8	200.00
Work Relief, Art. 7	25.00
Jones Community Field, Art. 9	100.00
Unclassified	650.00

Interest on Notes and Bonds	345.00
Interest on Revenue Loans	75.00
Town Forest Committee, Art. 12	500.00
Reserve Fund from Overlay Surplus Acct. ...	2,000.00
Rationing, Art. 15	1,300.00
Spotting Tower	50.00
Committee on Public Safety	250.00
Transfer from Machinery Fund to Machinery Account, Art. 10	500.00
Disposal of Garbage, Art. 13	2,000.00
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	\$144,445.50

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1943, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Voted unanimously: That the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1943, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Work Relief Fund, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars for the Work Relief Fund.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the use of the Treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local Dog Officer. The town will be reimbursed for the amount spent by the County of Middlesex, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred (200) dollars for the use of the treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local dog officer.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the maintenance of Jones Community Field, South Acton, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate one hundred (100) dollars for the maintenance of Jones Community Field, South Acton.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to transfer \$500.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer five hundred (500) dollars from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

Art. 11. To see if the town will adopt Section 38A, Chapter 41, General Laws relative to Town Collector or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the use of the Town Forest Committee or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the use of the Town Forest Committee.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the cost of collection

and disposal of garbage throughout the town or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of (\$2000.00) two thousand dollars for the collection and disposal of garbage throughout the town, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to insure the compressed air tanks and steam boilers of the three fire stations or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of the Rationing Board or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of (\$1300.00) thirteen hundred dollars for the expenses of the Rationing Board.

Art. 16. To see if the town will accept Section 100A, Chapter 41, General Laws relative to indemnification of officers or employees for damages, etc., incurred on account of injuries arising out of their operation of publicly owned motor vehicles, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept Section 100A, Chapter 41, General Laws.

Voted: To adjourn.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, 1943

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$650.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Buildings and Grounds account or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of Six Hundred Fifty (\$650.00) dollars from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Buildings and Grounds Account.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$400.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Forest Fire Account or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of Four Hundred (\$400.00) dollars be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Forest Fire Account.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account to the account of the Fire Department or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Fire Department Account.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$800.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account to the account for Aid to Dependent Children or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of Eight Hundred (\$800.00) dollars be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Account for Aid to Dependent Children.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$300.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account to the account of the Rationing Board or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) dollars be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Account of the Rationing Board.

Art. 6. To see if the town will appoint a committee to work in conjunction with the Emergency Public Works Commission in preparing a program of Post-War Readjustment or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to work in conjunction with the Emergency Public Works Commission in preparing a program of Post-War Re-adjustment.

Committee appointed by the moderator, Albert R. Jenks, Richard F. Deane and Forrest E. Bean, Sr.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account to the account of Interest on Revenue Loans or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of Fifty (\$50.00) dollars be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Account of Interest on Revenue Loans.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$600.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Account of the Board of Health or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of Six Hundred (\$600.00) dollars be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Account of the Board of Health to be used for an extra Town Nurse as the demand requires.

This is to be a war measure for the duration of the war only.

Voted: To adjourn.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births

Whole number recorded	58
Born in Acton 3	Native parentage 50
Males 38	Foreign parentage 1
Females 20	Mixed parentage 7

Marriages

Whole number recorded	24
Resident of Acton 26	Residents of other places 22

Deaths

Whole number recorded	39
Resident of Acton 36	Residents of other places 3
Occurring in Acton .. 26	Occurring in other places 13
Average age in years, 71 plus .	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1943

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Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
May 3	Acton	Adams, Jack Henderson	Roger and Florence Henderson
April 23	Concord	Anderson, James Joseph	John Harold and Alice M. Ormond
Feb. 2	Boston	Barss, Taissya	Ville and Elinor C. McCabe
Jan. 23	Concord	Beauregard, Louis IV	Louis III and Cora L. Hibbard
June 28	Concord	Britt, Nancy Elaine	Robert Francis and Dorothy E. Bond
July 27	Boston	Burr, Priscilla Carmina	William N. Jr. and Jessie C. Greco
Jan. 14	Concord	Burrill, George Carleton	Arthur W. and Evelyn H. Mekeel
Feb. 14	Concord	Byron, Edward James, Jr.	Edward James and Mary F. McGuire
Nov. 11	Concord	Caouette, John Joseph	Alfred J. and Marion W. Baker
July 20	Acton	Casavecchia, John	Dominic J. and Eleana B. Tourville
Feb. 13	Newton	Coffey, John Henry	Joseph A. and Mary Mulkeen
July 8	Concord	Conquest, Faye	Arthur Joseph and Emily Soubosky
Oct. 25	Concord	Conquest, Verna Ann	James H. and Mary J. Sweeney
Aug. 10	Concord	Cunningham, Donna Merle	Leo Clement and Lucille Heyward
Sept. 22	Concord	Day, Barbara Ann	Harold E. and Florence A. Fisher
Aug. 2	Manchester N. H.	Davis, Edward Arthur	Arthur Edward and Clara L. Parker
July 24	Concord	Derby, Charles Edward	Benjamin E. and Mary B. McWalter
Dec. 3	Concord	Detsch, Mary Elizabeth	Jacob P. and Helen J. Zaniewski
June 3	Concord	Downey, Robert Francis	Cyrus Joseph and Mary E. Ryan
Dec. 1	Concord	Downey, Lynne Diane	William J. and Edith Larsen

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Feb. 19	Concord	Dugan, James Lee, 3rd	James Lee and Bertha E. Rawtiser
April 15	Boston	Finan, David Ernest	Gerald H. and Bertha Cummings
Aug. 11	Concord	Freeman, Richard Dennis	Matthew David and Winifred Wamboldt
Dec. 10	Concord	French, James Henry, 3rd	James Henry, Jr. and Genevieve J. Zdunczyk
Dec. 3	Acton	Garthe, Henry Laine	Norman and Lillian M. Bulette
July 1	Concord	Gates, John Clarke	Paul Porter and Ethel M. Clarke
Jan. 1	Ayer	Goodearl, Donald Franklin	Robert F. and Alice T. Mitchell
Dec. 25	Concord	Gould, Roy Gardner	Hosea A. and Margaret A. McGovern
June 21	Concord	Gravlin, Harvey Clarence	Albert C. and Viola M. Wamboldt
May 3	Concord	Hampson, Wayne Morris	Ralph W. and Clara Groneng
April 5	Concord	Hayes, Pamela Gail	Ralph B. and Geraldine E. Gibbs
Oct. 10	Concord	Hayward, Russell Ernest	Earl F. and Ernestine R. Steinmann
Aug. 22	Concord	Heyliger, F. Theodore, Jr.	Frederick T. and Evelyn Davis
Nov. 2	Concord	Kendall, John Francis	William S. and Agnes King
Jan. 4	Concord	Kinsman, Grover Cleveland, Jr.	Grover Cleveland and Ruth Harvey
Sept. 2	Concord	Larsen, Bruce Leslie	Leslie and Margaret A. Hansen
Jan. 13	Concord	Leavitt, Jonathan Myron	Arnold B. and Madine Chalmers
Jan. 2	Cambridge	Lockwood, George Francis	Ralph H. and Dorothy Pottle
Sept. 29	Concord	MacPhee, Roger Douglass	Kenneth D. and Mary L. Aldred
April 17	Concord	Mason, Helen Dorothy	Robert E. and Helen D. Philbrick
June 25	Concord	McKelvie, Alan Crosby	Arthur and Mabel S. Crosby
Dec. 17	Waltham	McPhee, William Evan	Carroll E. and Barbara R. Jenks
Sept. 7	Concord	Mekkelsen, Sandra Leah	James and Florence Connor

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
July 16	Concord	Meppen, Eleanor Mae	William and Doris Branch
June 4	Concord	Newman, Muriel Lee	Churchill A. and Phyllis A. Raymond
Aug. 13	Concord	Nordberg, Robert Allan	Harold F. and Helen W. Robinson
July 9	Concord	Overgaard, Paalla Oliv Odel	Odd and Eleanor Thurston
Mar. 27	Concord	Perkins, Dorothy Marie	LaForest W. and Marjory E. Walkup
Aug. 18	Boston	Peterson, Donald Stephen	Robert and Kathryn MacDougall
Sept. 1	Concord	Phalon, Raymond Arthur	Arthur R. and Lillian Parke
Oct. 11	Concord	Slayton, Christopher	Norman T. and Emily L. Carney
May 20	Concord	Sullivan, Eugene Norman	Ambrose S. and Bernice Livermore
June 18	Concord	Tolman, John Henry	Lucius Clark and Helen Piuto
June 1	Concord	Torkelsen, Carol Ann	Eilef John and Ella Pederson
May 10	Concord	Tuttle, Joan Elizabeth	George F. and Mary E. McNiff
Jan. 31	Concord	Wilson, Harriet Ann	James B. and Eleanor Hall
Sept. 17	Concord	Wilson, Martha	Frank James and Ruth E. Clark
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Sept. 21	Boston	Lawrence, Frederick Francis, 2d	Frederick F., Jr. and Eleanor Schiavone

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1943

Date	Place	Name	Residence
March 6	Belmont	Buffum, Donald C.	E. Acton
		Hollis, Dorothea M.	Belmont
Nov. 20	Maynard	Cahill, William F.	S. Acton
		Farrell, Genevieve	Maynard
Dec. 12	Whitman	Carey, Lester O.	Acton
		Peterson, Alice A.	Whitman
June 12	Maynard	Costello, Edwin	W. Acton
		Kunelius, Aune (Salmela)	Maynard
March 20	Maynard	Downey, William Joseph	Maynard
		Larsen, Edith	Acton
May 16	Maynard	Farrar, John Henry	S. Acton
		Karhumaa, Thelma Tellervo	Maynard
Nov. 28	Boxborough	Flint, Carl William	S. Acton
		Cunningham, Vera May	Boxborough
July 10	W. Acton	Granberg, Ole Alfred	S. Acton
		Stuart, Phyllis	W. Acton
June 7	Acton	Grekula, Teuvo A.	Maynard
		Leusher, Mabel A.	Acton
March 7	Billerica	Holland, Neville R.	Acton
		Mahony, Barbara Cameron	Harvard
Nov. 13	S. Acton	Horrocks, John	Concord
		Granberg, Ethel Olive	S. Acton

Date	Place	Name	Residence
Dec. 31	Boxboro	Jenks, Porter Geer	W. Acton
		Ogilvie, Mabel Jeanne	Boxboro
Aug. 14	Concord	Johnson, Carl	Sudbury
		Berglund, Ruth	Acton
Feb. 22	Acton	Kidder, Elbridge M.	Ayer
		Beldon, Lucy A.	Worcester
Feb. 28	W. Roxbury	MacDougall, Albert N.	W. Acton
		Edministon, Edna May	Roxbury
Nov. 18	Acton	McKercher, Joseph Eugene	Acton
		West, Murial E. Barnett	Acton
Aug. 4	Acton	Paradis, Vincent A.	Revere
		Sheehan, Elizabeth E.	S. Acton
May 5	Concord	Reed, Everett W.	S. Acton
		Edwardson, Dorothy M.	W. Concord
June 19	W. Acton	Richardson, George W.	Everett
		Smith, Marjorie	W. Acton
Aug. 15	Concord	Schofield, Henry L.	S. Acton
		Ruggiero, Rose	W. Concord
Jan. 28	W. Acton	Smith, John Irving	W. Acton
		Bennett, Dorothea Isabel	W. Acton
June 6	Acton	Stevens, Walter A.	Acton
		Bean, Priscilla H.	Acton

Date	Place	Name	Residence
May 15	Arlington	Thompson, David Walter	Boston
Sept. 20	Brighton	Balsor, Vesta Lorraine	Acton
		Williams, Lawrence H.	W. Acton
		Dodd, Dorothy A.	Brighton

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1943

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.
Oct. 30	Battles, Oliver Belcher	88	0	12
Sept. 9	Bengston, Nils	80	—	—
Feb. 14	Boynton, John W.	74	8	8
Feb. 20	Bradley, Bernice M.	39	2	5
May 6	Bulette, Frank W.	72	8	7
May 4	Cheney, Frances B.	72	0	25
Jan. 15	Cobb, Abbott Leslie	78	2	17
Sept. 1	Connor, Thomas L.	61	10	27
Jan. 17	Crowfoot, Martha A. (McNeill)	75	4	18
Dec. 26	Davis, William Henry Francis	66	2	2
Jan. 16	Durkee, Clark G.	87	4	20
Dec. 15	Durkee, Mabel C.	79	10	13
Mar. 12	Farrand, William Henry	83	11	10
July 14	Gallant, Joseph	75	8	24
Jan. 29	Gates, Nellie E. (Wilson)	65	—	15
May 7	Graves, David B.	87	6	20
Feb. 26	Haase, Louise A. Brown	77	10	5
Dec. 17	Haney, John	67	10	27
Dec. 27	Hartwell, Cora B.	90	7	6
Oct. 20	Holbrook, Nellie	82	5	21
Oct. 31	Kilgallon, Daniel E.	68	10	10
Mar. 26	Kinsley, James	86	11	26
Oct. 16	Kohlrausch, George William	87	11	19
Aug. 11	LaRoche, Lewis Arthur	71	0	30
Jan. 2	MacConnell, George V.	50	10	19
Oct. 2	McAvoy, Mary J.	72	10	8
June 10	Merriam, Frank A.	73	0	21
April 30	Morrison, Catherine M. (Jenkins)	71	1	20
Feb. 28	Parker, George Maynard	86	7	4
May 11	Peters, Frank Reed	76	2	14
Dec. 19	Prowse, Florence E.	74	4	28
Oct. 8	Rich, Earl Clifton	53	1	17

Sept.	5	Robbins, Bessie Etta	78	2	29
Sept.	24	Shea, Peter J.	74	6	7
Jan.	25	Sheehan, Susan M. (Falls)	53	8	12
July	31	Tracy, Mabel A.	1	6	12
Mar.	25	Troupe, Nellie	53	11	10
Oct.	15	Whitcomb, Lucy C.	80	4	22
Aug.	5	Young, Ray C.	67	9	3

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1943

— 33 —

Date of Death	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	Place of Death	Place of Burial
Mar. 3	Barker, Clara L.	88	11	3	Melrose	Woodlawn
Dec. 1	Blodgett, Jonas Herbert	89	11	6	Somerville	Woodlawn
Dec. 6	Bronson, Sophie F.	84	6	13	Revere	Mt. Hope
Cct. 11	Bronson, William S.	78	—	—	Revere	Mt. Hope
Nov. 9	Cutler, David	64	—	3	Wollaston	Mt. Hope
Apr. 25	Cutter, Nellie Francis	87	7	25	Wakefield	Mt. Hope
June 21	Finkenaar, Elizabeth	25	—	—	Boston	Woodlawn
Mar. 14	Gage, Walter I.	65	9	3	Scituate	Mt. Hope
Dec. 27	Hastings, Lewis C.	85	5	16	Pepperell	Mt. Hope
Dec. 20	Hawes, George Allen	85	5	5	Malden	Mt. Hope
Feb. 8	Howes, Walter A.	67	11	11	Boston	Woodlawn
Nov. 20	Hunt, Olive Genevea	69	1	28	Melrose	Woodlawn
July 30	Innis, David A.	16	11	23	Boxboro	Woodlawn
Aug. 16	Johnson, Fred Dexter	80	4	7	E. Westmoreland, N. H.	Mt. Hope
Jan. 4	Jones, Rosalie Hilderth	84	4	26	Reading	Woodlawn
Dec. 25	Kane, Edward Leo	53	8	24	Waterford, Conn.	Mt. Hope
Apr. 16	Libby, Frederick	73	—	—	Waltham	Woodlawn
June 3	Loker, Sara W.	96	3	20	N. Chelmsford	Woodlawn
May 17	Mason, Mary J.	58	11	9	Maynard	Woodlawn
May 16	Parkhurst, Victor				Chelmsford	Woodlawn
Oct. 2	Pratt, William L.	77	4	20	Maynard	Woodlawn

Date of Death	Name	Age			Place of Death	Place of Burial
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days		
Mar. 19	Robbins, Clifford W.	65	11	18	Waltham	Mt. Hope
Mar. 14	Rodway, Helena M.	47	7	5	Maynard	Mt. Hope
Nov. 4	Rouillard, Philip	51	10	25	Orrington, Me.	Woodlawn
Mar. 27	Sawyer, Cora L.	60	—	—	Boston	Woodlawn
Apr. 8	Snelling, Mary Lizzie	79	6	2	Portland, Me.	Woodlawn
Apr. 1	Stockwell, Adelaide	81	3	7	Watertown	Mt. Hope

DOG LICENSES

282 Licenses at \$2.00	\$564.00	
56 Licenses at \$5.00	280.00	
1 License at \$50.00	50.00	
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		\$894.00
Deduct fees 339 Licenses at 20 cents ..		67.80
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Paid to the Town Treasurer		\$826.20

Notice

All licenses expire March 31.

Dogs must be licensed on or before April 1, or the owners or keepers thereof are liable to a fine.

The law applies to all dogs three months old or over, regardless of the time of year ownership is acquired. No tax bills are sent to owners of dogs.

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

JURY LIST REVISED — 1943

Precinct 1

Clarence Frost—Newtown Rd.
James W. Coughlin—Cen. Main St.
George E. Horton, Jr.—Cen. Main St.
Forrest E. Bean—Cen. Main St.
Arthur Freese—Wetherbee St.
Samuel E. Knowlton—Hosmer St.
Roy H. Linscott—Great Rd.
Elwin H. Hollowell—Wheeler Lane.
Foster R. MacKinnon—Esterbrook Rd.

Precinct 2

Richard Lowden—Main St.
James J. Knight—School St.
Timothy J. Hennessey—Prospect St.
Ralph W. Piper—Piper Rd.
Otis J. Reed—Prospect St.
Ralph H. Littlefield—Main St.
Edward LeClerc—Piper Rd.
Llewellyn Fullonton—Piper Rd.
David F. Penney—Robbins St.

Precinct 3

Waldo J. Flint—Windsor Ave.
Louis A. Flerra—Central St.
Warren L. Davis—Massachusetts Ave.
Ernest G. Banks—Massachusetts Ave.
A. Leslie Harris—Willow St.
Lester A. Sebastian—Massachusetts Ave.
Bertram D. Hall—Windsor Ave.
Albert W. Locke—Willow St.
Warren H. Liese—Massachusetts Ave.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

We have endeavored another year to maintain the high standard of the past in the care of our cemeteries.

The account of the town treasurer shows that during the past year the cemetery department has received and paid into the treasury \$1556.40 itemized as follows:

Annual care of lots	\$661.00
Burials	468.00
Lowering device	81.00
Sale of lots	120.00
Foundations	180.40
Miscellaneous	46.00
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	\$1,556.40

We ask that these receipts may be considered in making your appropriation for the current year.

We recommend an appropriation for the care of cemeteries of \$2,800.00.

An itemized account of the expenditures for the care of the cemeteries will be found in the report of the town accountant.

There has been added to the perpetual care account the past year, in new accounts the sum of \$1,400.00.

We have prepared a schedule of the receipts and expenditures on account of each lot under perpetual care, in books kept for that purpose, which may be examined by persons interested.

HARRY E. HOLT,
RAY L. HARRIS,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Cemetery Commissioners.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is the report of your Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1943:

During the year I sealed 289 weighing and measuring devices and condemned one. You will note that this shows a decrease of the preceding year due to a number of gas stations discontinuing on account of the war.

The State Department of Standards again loaned the equipment to check the oil tank meter systems, thereby saving our merchants' time and money by not having to go out of town to have this test made.

Fees collected and turned over to the town treasurer were \$64.52.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL E. ANDERSON,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE DONE IN THE TOWN OF ACTON FOR 1943.

Because of war conditions, the Staff of the Extension Service had to devote a great deal of time this year to overhead organization work pertaining to machinery rationing, food distribution orders, farm labor and other regulations, as issued by our Government, and establishing the number of war units on certain farms for Selective Service Boards. An attempt was made to see to it that these regulations were explained and applied to local conditions.

Agricultural work within the town had to do with information on poultry diseases and range improvement, assistance to dairymen in the control of mastitis and the furnishing of various market information as it pertained to milk, ceiling prices on poultry, and the feed situation.

The establishment of a locker storage plant by A. R. Jenks is filling a long felt need and is of definite value to farmers and homemakers.

The promotion of victory gardens was carried on in a general way, with talks given before the Garden Club, High School Agricultural Club, and home visits.

Of interest to the homemakers was a series of meetings on the making of coats in South Acton, canning demonstrations in Acton Center and West Acton, and the showing of suggestions for home-made Christmas gifts.

Acton is one of the leading towns in 4-H Club Work and this past year 201 boys and girls were enrolled in eight different projects. Mrs. Warren Hartwell served as 4-H Club Chairman and leaders assisting were Mrs. Kenneth Jewell, Mrs. Albert Durkee, Mrs. Howard Billings, Mrs. Charles Vose, Mrs. Giovanna Melise, Miss Ruth Berglund, Mrs. Edith Bird, Miss Alice Feehan, Mrs. John Tobin, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Allen, Miss Barbara Barry, Walter Liebfred and Reverend Lynne P. Townsend. Miss Grace Callanan was Secretary and Richard Greenman, Treasurer of the Committee. An exhibit showing the results of the winter projects was held in the spring, along with the school exhibit. A second exhibit was held in the fall, showing the results of the garden and canning clubs. Miss Barbara Barry was state winner in the State Food Demonstration Contest and won a fifty dollar War Bond. Dawn and Beverley Dagenais were awarded a ten dollar prize by the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture for their work in the poultry club.

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Director.

REPORT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

There were two slight accidents to town employees during the past year. Both were taken care of properly.

HOWARD L. JONES,
Compensation Agent.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT — 1943

Accessions—Number of volumes in the Library, January 1, 1943, 21,766. Increase by purchase, 285. Increase by gift, 69. Total increase, 354. Withdrawn from circulation, 250. Total number of volumes in the Library, January 1, 1944, 21,870.

Circulation—Number of days Library was opened, 103.

Number of volumes circulated, 8,155.

Largest daily circulation, 133; March 13.

Smallest daily circulation, 29; December 11.

Daily average circulation, 79 plus.

Received from Library fines and magazines sold and paid to Town Treasurer, \$41.94.

Gifts of books have been received from the following sources: State of Massachusetts, 6; Smithsonian Institution, 1; Anon, 1; Hoover Library, 1; Major Edward Bowes, 1; New York Trust Co., 1; Charlotte Conant, 2; Kent Cooper, 1; Mrs. Burton Harvey, 4; George Horton, 1; Alfred V. Jules, 1; Mrs. Louis Jones, 1; Mrs. Hobart Mead, 4; Mildred Pope Moore, 39; Ralph W. Piper, Jr., 2; H. F. Tuttle, 1; F. S. Whitcomb, 1; Mrs. Walters, 1. Total, 69.

ARTHUR F. DAVIS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE POST-WAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Committee has met several times, one time with the Executive Secretary of the State Emergency Commission of Public Works, at which meeting there were several members of the Town's Official Family present to discuss plans with Mr. Nichols.

After considering projects suggested to us, we have several plans ready for use, in case of the emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. JENKS, Chairman

FOREST E. BEAN, Sr.

RICHARD F. DEANE, Secretary

ASSESSORS' REPORT — 1943

Tax assessed as follows:

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$2,573,800.00	
Land	632,555.00	
Personal	418,550.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,624,905.00
Valuation January 1, 1942 ..		3,608,295.00
Increase in valuation		16,610.00
Rate of Taxation, \$28.40		
Real Estate	\$ 91,060.50	
Personal Estate	11,886.86	
Polls	1,628.00	
	<hr/>	\$104,575.36

Amount of money raised:

State Tax	\$ 3,100.00	
State Parks Tax	93.15	
County Tax	4,410.69	
Tuberculosis Hosp. Assess- ment	1,076.28	
Town Grant	92,739.56	
Overlay	3,155.68	
	<hr/>	\$104,575.36

Added Assessments:

Polls	50.00
Excise—1942	10.92

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Number of Vehicles Assessed, 1074

Total Value of Motor Vehicles and Trailers	\$168,859.00
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Rate of Excise, \$36.33

Total Excise	\$5,856.38
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ALBERT P. DURKEE,
CLARE A. MILBERY,
CARL C. FLINT,
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1943:

Dog-bites	13
Rabies	0

It was advised again this year by the Livestock Disease Control not to make the annual barn inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST E. ALLSOPP,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1943

INVESTMENTS

Charlestown Five Cents Sav-		
ings Bank	\$ 465.54	
U. S. Savings Bonds	3,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,465.54

RECEIPTS

Charlestown Five Cents Sav-		
ings Bank	\$ 20.65	
Warren Institution for Savings	14.65	
City Institution for Savings ..	7.50	
U. S. War Bonds	37.50	
	<hr/>	\$80.30

PAYMENTS

Harlan E. Tuttle, Treasurer of		
the Evangelical Church in		
Acton	\$60.30	
Town of Acton, care of lot in		
Woodlawn Cemetery	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$80.30

CHARLOTTE CONANT,
CHARLES E. SMITH,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Trustees of Goodnow Fund.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Health herewith submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

There has been no run of communicable diseases during the past year, although there were a few cases of scarlet fever reported, but they were kept within the immediate families which were scattered in different sections of the town.

The diphtheria clinic was sponsored by the Board again this year under the direction of the school doctor, E. A. Mayell, M. D. and Lillian Taylor, R. N. The number of children given the Schick Test was 68. We cannot impress too strongly the value of this clinic to each and every family.

At the last town meeting it was voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 to defray the cost of the collection and disposal of garbage and to place the matter in the hands of the Board of Health. The Board advertised in all the local newspapers for bids to be opened April 27, 1943 and awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, Frederick K. Johnson of Lexington at \$1,560.00 for one year ending May 1, 1944. We feel that the efficient and courteous service rendered by Mr. Johnson and his employees warrants a continuation of this service.

At the beginning of the fall school term it was deemed advisable to take some action regarding the duties of the Town Nurse. Due to the shortage of doctors in the town there are many more calls for her services, besides her usual duties and being on call twenty-four hours a day she has been greatly overworked. In the event of an epidemic of colds, flu, or any other communicable disease it would be impossible for her to attend all the necessary calls. We,

therefore, requested the selectmen to appropriate \$600.00 as a war emergency measure for the duration to cover the expenses of an assistant nurse to substitute for the regular nurse and the doctors, if and when they were not available immediately.

The appropriation was voted at a special town meeting in September and of this amount we have found it necessary to spend only \$171.00, although several times the regular nurse, after having served a long tour of duty, responded to calls when they should have been turned over to an assistant.

We wish to thank Verne Farquhar, R. N., and Hazel Roche, R. N., who have co-operated untiringly and unstintingly of their time whenever we felt it necessary to call upon them.

In explanation of the expenditure of \$109.90 for legal services, this was made necessary to close a piggery regarding which we had had several complaints as being a nuisance, and although the amount seems large the case was in the hands of the town counsel for one year and the sum also includes two or three other items accumulated over the past three years when legal advice was sought and no charge had been made at the time.

We recommend that the nurse be under the complete jurisdiction of this Board and an appropriation of \$3,800.00 be granted to take care of the salaries, supplies, assistant nurse and other expenses of the Board.

Record of contagious diseases Jan. 1, 1943 to Dec. 31, 1943.

Scarlet Fever	9
Measles	19
German Measles	21
Meningitis	1
Syphilis	2
Dog-bite	13
Chicken Pox	64

Deaths:

Burial Permits issued	30
Residents	26
Residents who died in other towns	13
Non-resident burials	3
Total number of deaths	39

Respectfully submitted,

LOWELL H. CRAM,

Secretary.

REPORT OF TOWN NURSE

To the Board of Health, Acton, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1943. Nursing services were as follows:

Bedside Nursing	1878
Welfare Calls	176
Pre-natal	150
Post-natal	118
Home Confinements	3

Ten cases have been X-rayed and examined at the Middlesex County Hospital. The hospital offers its services without charge in effort of early diagnosis and control of tuberculosis.

Four cases were X-rayed and examined at Lakeville Sanatorium.

Six patients have been taken to Emerson Hospital for X-rays on Blood Tests.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN F. TAYLOR, R. N.

REPORT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the report of the Welfare Board for 1943.

The appropriation for Welfare for 1943 was \$2,500, out of which \$2,467.81 was spent, leaving a balance of \$32.19. During 1943, we aided two cases in Acton and nine cases out of town with Acton settlements. At the present time, we are aiding nine welfare cases, only two of which are in Acton. For the out-of-town bills during the past year, we paid \$1,784.98 while \$649.90 was paid for the two cases in Acton. In anticipation of bills which will be incurred during 1944, we find it necessary to ask for an appropriation of \$3,000, which is a small increase over last year.

For Aid to Dependent Children, we are asking an appropriation of \$1,800, the same as was appropriated last year. During 1943, we aided three families having a total of eight dependent children. As nearly as can be foreseen, these cases will continue during the coming year and will cost approximately \$2,500. Federal Grants which will be received by the town will cover the deficit.

We are asking for \$18,000 for Old Age Assistance during the coming year. This is a decrease of \$3,000 over last year's appropriation. On January 1, 1943, our case load was 87 and on December 31, 1943, it had dropped to 64. We added ten cases during the year. On September 9, 1943, a new law was passed increasing the allotments allowed and establishing definite amounts which must be contributed by children earning certain salaries. In Acton, this law brought about the closing of six cases. Thirteen

others were closed by deaths, ten recipients moved from Acton, while four others secured employment. During the past year 97 cases were aided, 73 of which had Acton settlements, 17 with out-of-town settlements and 7 which had no settlements.

Appropriations recommended for 1944:

Old Age Assistance	\$18,000.00
Temporary Aid	3,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,800.00

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND L. HATCH,
MARY M. LAFFIN,
BENJAMIN J. INESON,
Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1943.

Arrests

Drunkenness	10
Statutory Rape	3
Adultery	2
Begetting	2
Operating under the influence of liquor	4
Violation of Fish and Game laws	4
Assault and battery	1
Sounding false fire alarm	2
Violation of Executive Order No. 35	4

Failure to slow motor vehicle at intersection	1
Keeping unlicensed dogs	2
Concealing leased property	1
Operating so as to endanger	1
Operating without a license	1
Larceny	1
Vagrancy	1
Going away after causing injury to property	1

Motor Vehicles

Accidents reported	8
Persons reported injured	10
Fatal accidents	0

Registrations and Permits . .

Bicycle Registrations issued	70
Revolver or Pistol permits issued	20

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FOLEY,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the Fire Department for the year 1943.

The total number of alarms responded to are as follows:

Building	13
Automobile	6
Chimney	7
False	2
Out of Town	1
Miscellaneous	7

The new ladder truck has been received and was put into service at the South Acton station on September 11, 1943. I feel we are well rewarded for our long wait, as this piece of apparatus is very essential and will play a very important part in the efficiency of the department in the future.

New doors have been installed at the South Acton station to replace the old ones which were badly broken. I would like to recommend at this time, to have both South and Center stations painted this year and also new doors installed at Acton Center and to have the steam pipes and radiators fixed up at the West Acton station.

Our equipment is in good condition and we are to receive an extra pump and an amount of hose from the government to be used in case of an emergency.

There are no major expenditures that have to be made this year except the regular repairs and replacements.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Chief Fire Department

FOREST WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Your Forest Warden submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943:

Total number of fires responded to	56
Out of town calls	0
Labor cost of extinguishing	\$938.90

Although the fire season was light this year, the number of grass fires have increased noticeably. This is due, in at least 75 per cent of the cases, to people burning rubbish in incinerators that do not measure up to legal requirements. If this does not improve, the law on fires in the open air will have to be enforced.

At the present time our forest fire equipment is in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,

Forest Warden

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Acton Town Forest Committee herewith submits the following report for the year 1943:

Your committee used the appropriation given us to purchase 49 acres of land in the so-called Texas section of town. Much of this land is covered with wood partly grown. There is a little wood which could be cut now if really needed but will be greatly improved by leaving for a few years.

We have several tracts in other sections of the town which we are studying and would like to purchase from time to time as funds become available.

We recommend an appropriation of \$500.00 annually.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. JENKS, Chairman

JAMES J. KNIGHT

CLARENCE FROST, Secretary

REPORT OF ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

The Trustees have signed orders to the Treasurer for two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

These orders have been given after careful investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO E. WHITCOMB

CLARA SAWYER

CHARLOTTE CONANT

Trustees of the Elizabeth White Fund

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

1941 TOWN TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	\$8,467.86
Interest	526.63
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	\$8,994.49
Paid Treasurer	\$8,915.99
Adjustment40
Abated	65.32
Tax Titles	12.78
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	\$8,994.49

1942 TOWN TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	\$19,918.36
Adjustment01
Interest	351.93
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	\$20,270.30

Paid Treasurer	\$13,291.87
Tax Titles	11.36
Abated	71.56
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	6,895.51

\$20,270.30

1943 TOWN TAX

Committed	\$91,060.50
Interest	26.38

\$91,086.88

Paid Treasurer	\$71,441.34
Tax Titles	56.80
Abated	1,272.88
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	18,315.86

\$91,086.88

1941 PERSONAL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	\$808.84
Interest	50.57
Overpayment	1.98

\$861.39

Paid Treasurer	\$806.01
Abated	55.38

\$861.39

1942 PERSONAL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	1,104.77
Interest	18.14

\$1,122.91

Paid Treasurer	\$661.76
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	461.15

\$1,122.91

1943 PERSONAL TAX

Committed	\$11,886.86
Interest	1.18
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	\$11,888.04
 Paid Treasurer	 \$10,837.08
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	1,050.96
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	\$11,888.04

1941 POLL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	\$60.00
Interest	3.26
Cost	7.35
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	\$70.61
 Paid Treasurer	 \$60.61
Abated	10.00
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	\$70.61

1942 POLL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	\$298.00
Interest	2.13
Cost	15.05
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	\$315.18
 Paid Treasurer	 \$117.18
Abated	144.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	54.00
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	\$315.18

1943 POLL TAX

Committed	\$1,954.00
Interest	11.55
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	\$1,965.55
 Paid Treasurer	 \$1,273.55
Abated	508.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	184.00
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	\$1,965.55

1940 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	\$26.20
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	\$26.20
 Abated	 26.20
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	\$26.20

1941 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	\$264.49
Interest	15.19
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	\$279.68
 Paid Treasurer	 \$193.71
Abated	85.97
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	\$279.68

1942 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1943	\$1,201.53
Committed Jan. 6, 1943	10.92
Interest	15.13
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	\$1,227.58

Paid Treasurer	\$718.58
Abated	91.29
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	417.71
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	\$1,227.58

1943 EXCISE TAX

Committed	\$5,856.38
Interest	1.74
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	\$5,858.12

Paid Treasurer	\$4,947.42
Abated	30.97
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	879.73
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	\$5,858.12

SUMMARY OF COLLECTOR'S REPORT JANUARY 1, 1944

Total Debits

1941 Town Tax	\$8,994.49
1942 Town Tax	20,270.30
1943 Town Tax	91,086.88
1941 Personal Tax	861.39
1942 Personal Tax	1,122.91
1943 Personal Tax	11,888.04
1941 Poll Tax	70.61
1942 Poll Tax	315.18
1943 Poll Tax	1,965.55
1940 Excise Tax	26.20
1941 Excise Tax	279.68
1942 Excise Tax	1,227.58
1943 Excise Tax	5,858.12
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	\$143,966.93

Total Credits

Cash Paid Treasurer	\$113,265.10
Abated	2,361.57
Tax Titles	80.94
Adjustment40
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	28,258.92
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	\$143,966.93

CARRIE M. DURKEE,
Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following recommendations for the ensuing year:

General Government	\$	8,600.00
Bonds		280.00
Buildings and Grounds		2,400.00
Police Department		
Chief salary	\$1,800.00	
War bonus for		
year	300.00	
Expenses and		
operating cruiser		
	1,000.00	3,100.00
Fire Department		3,000.00
Forest Fires		900.00
Hydrant Service		3,453.00
Moth Department		1,200.00
Tree Warden		650.00
Health Department, including		
Nurses		3,800.00
Garbage Disposal, Article 20.		1,800.00
Highway, Village		1,200.00
Chapter 81		7,125.00
Chapter 90		2,000.00
Snow Removal, estimate.....		4,000.00
Street Lighting		3,400.00
Welfare		3,000.00
Soldiers' Benefit		3,000.00
A. D. C. Federal Aid		1,800.00
Old Age Assistance, Federal		
Aid		18,000.00
Education		59,000.00
Library Maintenance		1,500.00
Library Books		200.00

Cemeteries	2,800.00	
Liability Insurance	600.00	
Committee on Public Safety ..	500.00	
Memorial Day, Article 5	250.00	
Dog Officer, Article 7	200.00	
Ration Board	1,300.00	
Jones Community Field		
Article 8	100.00	
Unclassified	300.00	
Town Forest, Article 10	500.00	
Interest on Notes, Bonds	320.00	
Interest on Highway Loans ...	22.50	
Bonded Indebtedness	3,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$143,300.50

Article 11:

Recommend no action at this time.

Article 12:

Recommend appropriation of \$150.00 for repairing Town Sprayer.

Article 13:

Recommend great caution in employing Civil Service for this purpose.

Article 14:

Recommend appropriation of \$100.00 for necessary expenses for Public Welfare.

Article 15:

Recommend no action at this time.

Article 16:

Recommend payment of \$277.80 for Mass. Teachers' Retirement Board.

Article 17:

Recommend appropriation of \$1,500.00 for Fluorescent Lighting in schools.

Article 18:

Recommend appropriation of \$1,500.00 for repairing roof on High School Building.

Article 19:

Recommend this article.

Article 21:

Recommend appropriation of \$375.00 for repairing doors and painting Fire Houses.

Article 23:

Recommend the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus account for the Reserve Fund.

Article 24:

Recommend this article.

Article 25:

Recommend the sum of \$393.15 be appropriated to pay the following unpaid bills for the different departments:

Fire Department	\$	208.30	
Forest Fires		130.10	
Snow Removal		28.75	
Board of Health		26.00	
		<hr/>	\$393.15

The sum of \$1,996.12 was transferred in 1943 from the Reserve Fund to the following accounts.

Highway, Chapter 81 . . .	\$	1,126.95	
Chapter 90 . . . . .		.21	
Village		800.00	
Bonds		2.00	
Moth Dept.		1.70	
Tree Warden		38.51	
Police Dept.		26.75	
		<hr/>	\$1,996.12

Precinct 1—Alden C. Flagg, W. Stuart Allen.

Precinct 2—Henry E. Tolman, William T. Merriam.

Precinct 3—Porter Jenks, Albert W. Locke.

Finance Committee.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

An appropriation of \$500 was made for this work last year. This money was for emergency work alone, such as removing dead and broken limbs and removing dangerous trees. The ice storm a year ago has not been taken care of properly and we have had some heavy wind this year, which has left the trees in bad shape.

I, therefore, recommend that an appropriation of \$900 be made for the care of this emergency work.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. KNIGHT,

Tree Warden.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH CONTROL WORK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

An appropriation of \$1000 was made for the moth work last year. The cost of spraying material was about \$445. The labor and running expense of the sprayer and truck was \$550. This money was only used for spraying. There was one spray throughout the town for pest control.

Not enough money was left from this appropriation to allow for a proper spraying for the elm leaf beetle, consequently part of the town trees were left in rather poor condition.

I, therefore, recommend that an appropriation of \$1,500 be made for the spraying of gypsy moth and elm leaf beetle and for other work that should be done.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. KNIGHT,
Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I submit herewith my report as Dog Officer, covering work done during the year 1943.

Number of dogs disposed of in accordance with law . .	50
Number of dogs reclaimed by owners in accordance with law	3
Number of calls answered for dog nuisance	69
Warnings to delinquent owners to get licenses	124
Appropriation	\$200.00
50 dogs at \$3.00 for six days	150.00
50 dogs disposed of	50.00
Total	\$200.00

Gentlemen:

I recommend the appropriation for the year 1944 be \$200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR FRASER,
Dog Officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1943

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Acton, Massachusetts:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1943.

Cash Balance, January 1, 1943 \$74,885.15

Receipts for 1943:

Received from State Treasurer:

Highways	\$ 9,726.34	
Old Age Assistance, Federal ..	16,258.28	
Aid Dependent Children, Fed.	691.40	
Refund, Buildings	5.00	
Old Age Assistance	14,647.78	
Income Tax	14,473.00	
Business Corporation Tax	13,964.97	
Aid Dependent Children	695.57	
Loss of Taxes	588.55	
State Aid	170.00	
War Allowance	5.00	
Chapter 90, Highways	1,500.00	
Vocational Education	137.78	
Meal Tax	635.67	
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		\$ 73,499.34

Received from County Treasurer:

Dog Account, Refund	\$ 643.10	
Highways	1,500.00	
Dog Officer	212.00	
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		\$ 2,355.10

Received from Carrie M. Durkee,

Collector of Taxes:

Poll, 1941	\$ 50.00
Personal, 1941	763.56

Excise, 1941	1,363.47
Town, 1941	7,204.41
Poll, 1942	100.00
Excise, 1942	2,129.30
Personal, 1942	1,009.70
Town, 1942	11,514.09
Poll, 1943	1,262.00
Excise, 1943	4,830.65
Personal, 1943	10,469.82
Town, 1943	71,529.99
Interest	1,004.16
Costs	33.95

\$113,265.10

Miscellaneous Receipts:

Boston Typewriter Co., Schs...	\$ 190.00
Town of Watertown, Old Age Assist.	133.75
Elwin Hollowell, Care of Lots.	136.00
Elwin Hollowell, Foundations	138.90
Arthur F. Davis, Library Fines	33.19
Arthur F. Davis, Magazines Sold	8.75
Town of Acton, Victory Taxes	1,013.36
Fred Kennedy, Sale of Lots...	60.00
Fred Kennedy, Burials	468.00
Fred Kennedy, Care of Lots ..	525.00
Fred Kennedy, Lowering Device	81.00
Fred Kennedy, Foundations ..	41.50
Fred Kennedy, Miscellaneous..	46.00
Board of Health, Nurse Serv...	216.50
Selectmen, Licenses	31.00
Town of Acton, Mach. Acct...	877.30
Concord District Court, Fines.	163.50
Harry Holt, Rent of Hall	187.50

Acton Grange No. 259, Rent of Hall	35.00
Richard Johns, Mach. Acct. . .	3.00
William Kazokas, Mach. Acct.	151.75
Frederick K. Johnson, Garbage Contract	100.00
Carl E. Anderson, Sealer Wts.	65.52
Harlan E. Tuttle, Dog Licenses	824.40
Town of Boxboro, Schools . . .	2,856.11
Town of Acton, Withholding Taxes	188.62
George Hendrickson, Tax Title	85.56
George Hendrickson, Interest	9.12
Town of Concord, Old Age Assist.	67.50
Town of Ashland, Old Age Assist.	57.71
Selectmen, Telephone Calls . .	.65
Town of Wrentham, Old Age Assist.	139.08
Town of Concord, Welfare . . .	178.51
Town of Littleton, Old Age Assist.	53.34
Town of Swansea, Old Age Assist.	39.58
Town of Maynard, Old Age Assist.	109.33
Boston and Maine R. R. Fires.	43.00
Town of Westford, Schools . . .	335.09
Horace F. Tuttle, Lots Sold Woodlawn	60.00
City of Somerville, Old Age Assist.	137.52
Board of Health, Licenses . . .	118.50
City of Boston, Schools	184.68
City of Boston, Welfare	100.00
City of Lowell, Old Age Asst..	46.25

Town of Concord, Land Tax ..	25.12
Second National Bank, Fire Truck Notes	3,000.00
Second National Bank, Interest	3.25
Merchants National Bank, Note Chapt. 44	10,000.00
Merchants National Bank, Int.	1.00
School Dept. Telephone and Book Fines	7.09
Wm. Henry Soar, Board Health 1942	2.50
Cancelled Checks	221.62
Wendall Putnam, Mach. Acct.	16.00
Town of Arlington, Old Age Assist.	104.25
Town of Methuen, Military Aid	75.00
Town of Methuen, Soldiers' Relief	12.50
Chief of Police, Revolver Permits	7.00
Chief of Police, Bicycle Regis.	17.00
Concord District Court, Resti- tutions	50.00
Arthur F. Davis, Book Sold ..	1.75
Carrie M. Durkee, Certificate Liens	11.00
Town of Phillipston, Old Age Assist.	52.33
Ralph Rogers, Salary Adjust..	16.00
Harry Holt, Grange Rent	32.50
Theron A. Lowden, Ins. Refund	161.39
Transfer from Memorial Li- brary Fund	212.20
Transfer from Cemetery Funds	1,233.20
Transfer from Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	488.30

Transfer from Blanchard Fd..	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 26,117.07
Total Cash Receipts		\$215,236.61
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1943		74,885.15
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Sum Total for 1943		\$290,121.76
Payments in 1943:		
Selectmen's Orders	\$203,356.90	
State Taxes	3,189.15	
	<hr/>	\$206,546.05
Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1943..		\$ 83,575.71

OUTSTANDING NOTES AND BONDS

High School Bonds, due 1944 to 1945	\$ 2,000.00
High School Addition Notes, 163 to 176, due 1944 to 1957	14,000.00
Anticipation Section 6A Chapter 44, General Laws, note 179 due March 15, 1944 from State and County	10,000.00
Departmental Equipment Loan, notes 180-181- 182 due 1944 to 1946	3,000.00

SUSAN NOYES HOSMER FUND

Balance January 1, 1943:		
Principal Fund	\$ 82,238.95	
Unexpended Balance	719.98	
	<hr/>	\$ 82,958.93
Received Interest for 1943 ...		1,737.17
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		\$ 84,696.10
Balance December 31, 1943:		
Bank Balances in Sav. Banks.	\$ 84,207.80	
Transfer to Town Account ...		488.30
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		\$ 84,696.10

CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1943:

Principal Fund	\$ 44,912.21	
Unexpended Balance	2,331.13	
	<hr/>	\$ 47,243.34
Received for Perpetual Care..		1,400.00
Received Interest for 1943 ...		947.77
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		\$ 49,591.11

Balance December 31, 1943:

Bank Balances in Sav. Banks .	\$ 48,357.91	
Transfer to Town Account ...		1,233.20
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		\$ 49,591.11

ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

Balance January 1, 1943:

Principal Fund	\$ 25,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	1,869.27	
	<hr/>	\$ 26,869.27
Received Interest for 1943 ...		558.95
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		\$ 27,428.22

Balance December 31, 1943:

Bank Balances in Sav. Bank ..	\$ 27,228.22	
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1943		200.00
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		\$ 27,428.22

WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1943:

Principal Fund	\$ 14,180.75	
Unexpended Balance	514.36	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,695.11

Received Interest for 1943	307.12
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	\$ 15,002.23
Balance December 31, 1943:	
Bank Balances in Sav. Banks .	\$ 14,790.03
Transfer to Town Account ..	212.20
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	\$ 15,002.23

GEORGIA E. WHITNEY FUND

Balance January 1, 1943:	
Principal Fund	\$ 13,500.00
Unexpended Balance	48.57
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	\$ 13,548.57
Bequest to Fund in 1943	573.70
Received Interest for 1943 ...	287.05
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	\$ 14,409.32
Balance December 31, 1943:	
Bank Balances in Sav. Banks .	\$ 14,284.32
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1943	125.00
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	\$ 14,409.32

LUKE BLANCHARD CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1943:	
Balance	\$ 1,505.60
Received Interest for 1943 ...	25.54
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	\$ 1,531.14
Balance December 31, 1943:	
Bank Balances in Sav. Banks .	\$ 1,506.14
Transfer to Town Account ..	25.00
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	\$ 1,531.14

CEMETERY SURPLUS FUND

Balance January 1, 1943:		
Balance	\$	1,044.09
Received Interest for 1943 ...		20.98
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	\$	1,065.07
Balance December 31, 1943:		
Balance in Savings Bank	\$	1,065.07

SARAH J. GREEN FUND

Balance January 1, 1943:		
Balance	\$	150.00
Unexpended Balance		4.03
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	\$	154.03
Received Interest for 1943		3.09
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	\$	157.12
Balance December 31, 1943:		
Balance in Savings Bank	\$	157.12

WEST ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1943:		
Balance	\$	634.74
Received Interest for 1943 ...		12.75
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	\$	647.49
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 ...		647.49
Balance in Savings Bank		

ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1943:		
Principal Fund	\$	2,335.00
Unexpended Balance		175.58
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	\$	2,510.58

Received to Fund:		
Company Salaries 1943	\$	230.00
Received Interest for 1943 . . .		51.51
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		\$ 2,792.09
Balance December 31, 1943:		
Balance in Savings Bank	\$	2,773.09
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1943 . .		19.00
	<hr/>	\$ 2,792.09

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HENRY SOAR,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

The Highway Department reports for the year 1943.

In addition to the ordinary maintenance such as patching, cleaning up gutters and drainage the following surface treatment program was completed:

Treated with asphalt and crushed stone:

Central Street, Concord Road, High Street, Main Street, Pope Road, Powder Mill Road, School Street, Summer Street.

Treated with tar and sand and honed:

Central Street, Concord Street, Elm Street, Hayward Road, Main Street, Maple Street, Nagog Hill Road, Piper Road, Strawberry Hill Road, Taylor Road, Woodbury Lane.

Treated with tar and crushed stone road mixed, spread and rolled:

Main Street.

Prospect Street was graveled, graded, rolled and surface treated from Main Street to Massachusetts Avenue.

Widening with bituminous patch was done on Concord Road, High Street, Main Street and River Street.

Davis Terrace was surfaced with bituminous concrete.

The railroad overpass on Main Street was resurfaced with hard pine plank.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. KAZOKAS,

Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF WAR PRICE AND RATIONING BOARD

To the Citizens of Acton:

Your War Price and Rationing Board No. 41, after its appointment by the Board of Selectmen on December 29, 1941, was organized on January 2, 1942 and held its first meeting January 5, 1942, its original members consisting of Mr. Webster S. Blanchard, Mr. Allen G. Moody and Mr. Ralph W. Piper. Its offices were set up in the Town Hall at that time. Later, during the year, Mr. Howard J. Billings and Miss Clara L. Sawyer were added to the Board.

Predicated upon the sound premise that rationing is a necessity when a scarcity of any essential goods, created by the demands of war, might easily lead to a serious maldistribution of supply, and further, to hoarding by those who could afford to buy at the expense of those who could not, tires became the first item on the list of rationed commodities. In rapid succession followed gasoline, sugar, coffee, typewriters, rubber footwear, fuel oil, stoves, bicycles, and price control. Many and varied were the complications during 1942, with a confusion of instructions, regulations

and directives being almost constantly with us. The year 1943 has steadied down and the work has become somewhat routine, yet with many problems.

Your Board has been extremely fortunate in being able to employ, from its inception, Mrs. Beatrice Parsons as Executive Secretary, her salary being paid for in full by the Federal government. Her courtesy, quick grasp of the multitudinous detail, and devotion to her duty, have been a great source of strength to us. The office has been most efficiently managed by her and the cost of supplies, some of which are furnished by the Town, has been kept at a minimum. She has been ably assisted by Mrs. Vesta B. Thompson, who was with us until her marriage last summer, and now by Miss Sonya Farley and Mrs. Dorothy Spencer, both loyal and able co-workers, whom we are fortunate to have with us. Miss Farley's salary is paid by the Federal government in about three-quarters of its amount, the balance coming from the Town, while Mrs. Spencer's, in its entirety, is paid by the Town. As those of you who have been in and out of our office, know, the detail work keeps all the clerical employees really busy, not alone with helping those of you who have rationing problems, but also with the great amount of so-called "red tape" reports going to the State Board and Washington.

To the several able volunteer workers and to the school teachers, we are particularly indebted for their conscientious and much needed assistance from time to time. Their help has been invaluable.

The Board, under its present set-up, is divided into the following panels:

Gasoline: Webster S. Blanchard, Chairman; Howard J. Billings, Miss Clara L. Sawyer.

Tires: Allen G. Moody, Chairman; Ralph W. Piper, Webster S. Blanchard.

Food: Miss Clara L. Sawyer, Chairman; Ralph W. Piper, Allan G. Moody.

Fuel Oil: Howard J. Billings, Chairman; Miss Clara L. Sawyer, Webster S. Blanchard.

Footwear, Stoves, Bicycles, Shoes: Ralph W. Piper, Chairman; Webster S. Blanchard, Howard J. Billings.

Price Control: Allen G. Moody, Webster S. Blanchard, Miss Clara L. Sawyer.

Volunteer Price Assistant: Harry E. Holt.

From its organization your Board has felt that, unless the citizens of the Town had, at all times, free access to its members in order to have their problems delineated to them and solved for them in a courteous, just and fair manner, it would be derelict in its duty. Consequently, it has been the constant endeavor of the members to give the public every opportunity to contact those of us who were responsible so that we might create a better understanding of the oftentimes rather confused and intricate situations caused by the rationing program.

How well we have succeeded, only those of you who have had occasion to deal with us know, but all of us on your Board do know that the vast majority of you have been very co-operative, very patient, and very patriotic in your endeavors to help in an essential and war-created problem. We, for our part, wish you to know how greatly we appreciate it. At all times we are ready to help you.

Your Chairman would be remiss if he did not, at this time, commend to your attention the amount of time, thought and energy devoted to this war cause by the Board members, unpaid as they are, who serve with him; time, thought and energy given freely, constantly, intelligently, and above all, courteously, even in times of stress, and many times at the unselfish sacrifice of their own interests.

Respectfully submitted, for the Board,

WEBSTER S. BLANCHARD, Chairman.

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Acton:

I herewith submit my annual report covering the financial transactions of the town for the year ended December 31, 1943. Included are a detailed statement of expenditures of each department, a tabulated record showing the appropriations, transfers, and balances as of December 31, 1943; also statements of reserve fund transfers, machinery fund and cemetery land fund, and a balance sheet as of December 31, 1943.

The town was able to buy the new fire truck this year which increased our bonded debt a little. The total payments on the Bonded Debt this coming year will be \$3,000. The town increased its surplus revenue substantially and closed the year with a Surplus Revenue of \$89,079.01.

I have audited the books of the Collector of Taxes and of the treasurer and verified the several trust funds in his custody. I have verified the funds in the custody of trustees.

HOWARD L. JONES,
Town Account

Appropriations and Expenditures January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943

Approp.					—76—	
Balances						
Transfers						
	A	\$	Expended	\$	Balance	
General Government	A	7,700.00	7,525.76		174.24	
Bonds (Surety)	A	275.00				
	T	2.00	277.00			
Buildings and Grounds	A	2,650.00	2,484.75		165.25	
Police	A	3,372.50				
	T	26.75	3,399.25			
Fire Department	A	3,200.00	3,175.22		24.78	
Forest Fires	A	1,100.00	1,079.52		20.48	
Ladder Truck	B	1,000.00				
	L	3,000.00	3,996.50		3.50	
Hydrants	A	3,453.00	3,453.00			
Moth Department	A	1,000.00				
	T	1.70	1,001.70			
Tree Warden	A	500.00				
	T	38.51	538.51			
Health	A	1,000.00	933.04		66.96	
Town Nurse	A	2,100.00	2,040.34		59.66	
Special Nurse	A	600.00	171.00		429.00	
Garbage Disposal	A	2,000.00	1,068.42		931.58	
Highways, Village	A	450.00				

Highways, Chapter 81	T	800.00	1,212.08	37.92
	A	6,000.00		
	T	1,126.95		
	G	7,125.00	14,251.95	
Highways, Chapter 90	A	1,500.00		
	T	.21		
	G	3,000.00	4,500.21	
Snow Removal	A	6,000.00	5,998.00	2.00
Road Machinery	B	10.83		
	T	500.00	510.83	
Street Lighting	A	3,750.00	3,685.71	64.29
Public Welfare	A	2,500.00	2,467.81	32.19
Soldiers' Benefits	A	4,000.00	923.85	3,076.15
Aid to Dependent Children	A	1,800.00		
	G	514.75	1,996.00	318.75
Old Age Assistance	A	21,000.00		
	G	15,733.89	33,132.94	3,600.95
	G	524.39	524.39	
Old Age Assistance Adm.	A	58,000.00	57,990.92	9.08
Education	A	1,500.00	1,210.77	289.23
Library Maintenance	A	200.00		
Library Books	T	212.20	412.20	
	A	2,800.00	2,777.36	22.64
Cemeteries	T	1,258.20	1,258.20	
Cemeteries, Perpetual Care				

	Approp. Balances	Transfers	Expended	Balance
Susan Hosmer Fund	T	488.30	488.30	
Liability Insurance	A	700.00	697.32	2.68
Committee Public Safety	A	250.00	133.90	116.10
Memorial Day	A	250.00	232.10	17.90
Expenses of Dog Officer	A	200.00	200.00	
Work Relief	A	25.00	6.00	19.00
Jones Field	A	100.00	73.45	26.55
Rationing Board	A	1,600.00	1,308.90	291.10
Unclassified	A	650.00	194.86	455.14
Spotting Tower	A	50.00	10.48	39.52
Town Forest Committee	A	500.00	490.00	10.00
Interest on Notes and Bonds	A	345.00	345.00	
Interest on Revenue Loans	A	125.00	125.00	
Bonded Indebtedness	A	2,000.00	2,000.00	
		<u>\$180,609.18</u>	<u>\$170,302.54</u>	<u>\$10,306.64</u>
No Appropriation Accounts:				
State Tax			\$3,100.00	
State Parks			89.15	
County Tax			4,653.62	
County Hospital Assessment			1,076.28	

Refund—Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes
 Refund—Real and Personal Excise Taxes
 Refund—Poll Taxes
 County Dog Licenses
 Cemetery Land Fund
 Purchase of Lots
 Refund—Garbage Contract Deposit
 Tailings Account
 Victory and Withholding Tax
 Revenue Loans

48.40
 87.18
 2.00
 839.40

 40.00
 100.00
 5.50
 1,201.98
 25,000.00

\$206,546.05

A Appropriations
 B Balances
 G Grants
 L Loans
 T Transfers

Cash Receipts and Departmental Payments

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

See Treasurer's Itemized Report \$215,236.61
Cash Balance January 1, 1943 .. 74,885.15 \$290,121.76

PAYMENTS

General Government

Selectmen, Salaries and

Wages:

Selectmen	\$ 700.01	
Clerks	1,142.23	
Postage	44.00	
Stationery,		
Supplies	22.16	
Town Reports . . .	251.60	
Middlesex County		
Selectmen's		
Assn	9.00	
Assn. Town Fi-		
nance Commit-		
tees	10.00	
Desk	49.00	
Sundry Expense ..	23.41	
	<hr/>	\$2,251.41

Collector of taxes:

Salary	\$ 1,000.00	
Postage	88.68	
Printing	40.19	
Stationery	24.92	
Tax Title Expense	15.52	
	<hr/>	1,169.31

Treasurer:

Salary	\$ 625.00	
Postage	131.93	
Telephone	14.90	
Stationery, printing	48.28	
Certifying Notes	8.00	
Typewriter repairs	7.50	
Sundry expense .	13.37	
	<hr/>	848.98

Assessors:

Salaries	\$900.00	
Stationery, printing	28.28	
Transfer notices ..	3.15	
Attending meetings	35.00	
Sundry expense ..	11.74	
	<hr/>	978.17

Accountant:

Salary	\$625.00	
Postage	7.00	
Stationery, printing	21.07	
	<hr/>	653.07

Town Clerk:

Salary	\$200.00
Rec. vital statics..	85.50
Postage	15.00
Stationery, printing	21.50
Attending meetings	12.00
Assn. dues	3.00

Telephone	20.00	
Repair typewriter	8.00	
Sundry expense	11.63	
	<hr/>	376.63
Elections and Registrations:		
Salaries:		
Registrars	\$260.00	
Listing	75.00	
Moderator	25.00	
Election officers	65.00	
Printing	85.22	
Rent	10.00	
Posting warrants	5.00	
Sundry expense	7.60	
	<hr/>	532.82
Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Salary and Transportation	\$200.00	
Books, Seals, Adv.	11.56	
	<hr/>	211.56
Cattle Inspector:		
Salary		125.00
Board of Health:		
Salaries	40.00	
Postage, Telephone	2.09	
	<hr/>	42.09
Soldiers' Relief Agent:		
Salary	\$50.00	
Assn. dues	2.00	
Travel expenses	9.72	
	<hr/>	61.72

Public Welfare:

Salaries	275.00
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\$7,525.76

Bonds:

Collector, Treasurer,
Town Clerk, Deputy
Collector ..

277.00

Buildings and Grounds:

Salaries and Wages:

Janitor	\$644.09
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Labor on grounds and building .	255.12
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Heat	644.63
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Lights	242.94
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Telephone	69.86
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Fire House door..	273.45
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Cement work	75.00
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Lamps	18.90
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Electrical work ...	20.00
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Water	13.00
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Truck hire	19.50
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Flags	20.19
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Floor covering po- lice office.....	38.67
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Repair lawn mower	55.87
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Boiler inspection .	5.00
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Boiler repairs	9.57
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Cement	11.36
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Sundry expense ..	67.60
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2,484.75

Protection of Persons
and Property:

Police:

Salaries:

Chief	\$2,025.00
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Patrolman	417.20
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Special officers .	186.75
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Auto repairs	96.55
Gas, oil	259.07
Telephone	109.44
Radio service	75.00
Insurance	12.00
Clothing	102.88
Prof. services	10.00
Batteries	15.00
Anti-freeze	7.35
Repair typewriter.	20.00
Seat cover.....	10.00
Books	20.40
Sundry expense ...	32.61

3,399.25

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Annual	\$460.00
Fires	581.27
Janitors	360.00
Heat	401.28
Light	201.58
Telephone	102.27
Gas and oil	64.85
New equipment ..	549.59
Rep. equipment ..	154.89
Rep. buildings ...	5.00
Chief's bond	5.00
Call cards	44.74
Certificates	10.43
Dry cells	7.20
Hose racks	47.11
Trimming trees along fire alarm wires	73.52
Water	36.00
Towel service	12.00

Anti-freeze	7.00	
Meter	15.00	
Sundry items	36.49	
	<hr/>	3,175.22
Forest Fires:		
Wages, fires		1,079.52
Ladder Truck:		
Truck	\$3,819.00	
Additional equip- ment	177.50	
	<hr/>	3,996.50
Hydrants:		
West and South Water District .	\$3,200.00	
Town of Concord .	253.00	
	<hr/>	3,453.00
Moth Department:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Supt.	\$190.50	
Labor	153.01	
Trucks	140.85	
Gas and oil	38.13	
Lead	444.21	
Repairing sprayer	7.75	
Battery	11.50	
Sundry expense ..	15.75	
	<hr/>	1,001.70
Tree Warden:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Supt.	\$290.46	
Labor	112.80	
Trucks	124.15	
Tools	11.10	
	<hr/>	538.51

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health:

Salaries and Wages:

Agent	\$63.40
Labor, at town dump	640.00
Prof. services ..	108.00
Postage and tele- phone	2.31
Books	4.43
Legal services ...	109.90
Sundry expense ..	5.00

933.04

Town Nurse:

Salary includes transportation	2,000.00
Medical supplies	40.34

2,040.34

Special Nurse:

Salary	171.00
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Dog Officer:

Keeping and de- stroying dogs	200.00
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Garbage Disposal:

Collection of gar- bage	\$1,040.00
Advertising	8.15
Sundry expense ..	20.27

1,068.42

Highways

Village:

Salaries and Wages:

Supt.	\$93.45
Labor	230.40
Trucks	64.20
Stone	43.22
Asphalt	147.37
Planking & spikes	558.53
Sand	10.46
Traffic paint	39.60
Sundry expense ..	24.85

1,212.08

Chapter 81:

Salaries and Wages:

Supt.	\$1,245.76
Labor	2,672.65
Trucks	3,098.10
Rental of equip- ment	1,473.05
Broken stone	1,898.62
Patching material.	291.97
Oil and tar	3,304.47
Sand	226.47
Cement	17.40
Sundry expense ..	23.46

14,251.95

Chapter 90:

Salaries and Wages:

Supt.	\$148.50
Labor	358.60
Trucks	427.35
Equipment rental .	211.00

Broken stone	1,340.63
Patching material.	138.42
Oil and tar	1,875.71

4,500.21

Snow Removal:

Salaries and Wages:

Supt.	\$249.83
Labor	1,144.11
Trucks	1,165.87
Plowing snow	2,486.50
Equipment rental .	188.50
Sand	95.30
Salt	516.00
Paint	11.75
Installing plough .	10.00
Repairing equip-	
ment, parts, etc.	104.30
Sundry expense ..	25.84

5,998.00

Machinery Account:

Tools	\$62.44
Gas and oil	181.47
New equipment ..	44.48
Repair equipment.	209.26
Express	8.93
Sundry items	4.25

510.83

Street Lighting:

Street lighting	\$3,555.72
Reducing lights	
from 800 to 600	
lumens	129.99

3,685.71

Charities:

Public Welfare,

Temporary Aid:

Cash to indi- viduals	\$391.50
Provisions	28.00
Fuel	61.24
Light	2.71
Medical and hos- pital aid	161.45
Relief by other cities and towns	1,784.98

Administrative:

Attending meet- ings	24.00
Assn. dues	2.00
Transportation	5.00
Stationery	6.93

2,467.81

Old Age Assistance:

Cash Aid	\$16,987.82
Indirect payments	111.10
Aid by other cities and towns	300.13

17,399.05

U. S. Grant:

Cash Aid	\$15,733.89
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Administration:

Salary, expenses	524.39	16,258.28	33,657.33
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Aid to Dependent
Children:

Cash Aid	1,481.25
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U. S. Grant:

Cash Aid	514.75	1,996.00
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Soldiers' Benefits:

Cash Aid	519.50
Provisions	49.99
Medical & hospital	222.71
Fuel	71.99
Other cities and towns	44.40

Administrative:

Travel	
expense	10.26
Printing	5.00

923.85

Education:

See Report of the School Comm. ..	57,990.92
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Library

Maintenance:

Salaries and Wages:

Librarian	\$104.00
Assist. Librarian.	175.50
Janitors	154.50
Writing cards, printing	45.52
Heat	291.60
Light	43.48
Postage .....	.86
Insurance	61.13
Water	12.00
Sundry expense ..	2.63

Branch Libraries:

Salaries, Wages ..	\$203.75
Janitors	15.60
Transporting books	38.00
Heat	45.91
Light	10.29
Sundry expense ..	6.00

1,210.77

Library Books:

Books, magazines	
etc.	

412.20

Cemeteries

Cemeteries:

Salaries, Wages:

Supts.	\$1,573.25
Labor	628.70
Power Trimmer ..	117.60
Trucking	117.00
Grass seed	17.57
Sharpening mowers	27.90
Flowers, shrubs ..	38.00
Lumber	44.88
Tools	12.98
Fertilizer, cement.	59.75
Repair tool house.	10.50
Pipe and laying ..	28.36
Loam	9.00
Writing deeds ...	3.00
Water	29.87
Postage, telephone	19.71
Paint	5.19
Sundry expense ..	34.10

2,777.36

Perpetual Care:

Salaries and Wages:

Supts.	\$606.75
Labor	539.70
Flowers	66.80
Fertilizer	16.95
Gasoline	3.00

1,233.20

Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund:

Care of lots.....

25.00

Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund:

Salaries and Wages:

Supt.	\$358.50
Labor	93.60
Trucking	24.00
Sundry expense ..	12.20

488.30

Liability Insurance:

Premium

697.32

Committee on Public Safety:

Curtains	\$76.35
Electrical work ...	24.45
Postage, stationery	6.49
Telephone	17.24
Laundry	9.37

133.90

Rationing Board:

Salaries and Wages:

Clerks	\$1,091.32
Stationery, printing	135.93
Telephone	68.05
Sundry expense ..	13.60

1,308.90

Spotting Tower:		
Sundry expense ..		10.48
Memorial Day:		
Music	\$125.00	
Flags	39.66	
Flowers, wreaths .	60.90	
Sundry expense ..	6.54	
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		232.10
Town Forest Committee:		
49 acres woodland.		490.00
Work Relief:		
Treas, U.S.A. project		6.00
Jones Community Field:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Supt.	\$8.40	
Mowing	28.00	
Gasoline, oil	15.70	
Pepparing mower .	5.80	
Sundry expense ...	15.55	
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		73.45
Unclassified:		
Expense acct ra-		
tioning board ..	\$130.38	
Repair typewriter.	17.50	
Flags	22.49	
Expense a/c titles.	15.00	
Sundry expense ..	9.49	
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		194.86
Notes and Bonds:		
High School bonds	\$1,000.00	
High School addi-		
tional bonds ...	1,000.00	
		<hr/>
		2,000.00

Int. on notes and bonds		
High School bonds	\$120.00	
High School addition bonds	225.00	
	<hr/>	345.00
Int. on Revenue loans		125.00

No Appropriation Items

Agency:

State Tax	\$3,100.00	
State Parks	89.15	
County Tax	4,653.62	
County Hospital Assessment	1,076.28	
	<hr/>	8,919.05

Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$48.40	
Real and Personal Taxes	87.18	
Poll Taxes	2.00	
	<hr/>	137.58

Middlesex County Dog licenses	\$839.40	
Cemetery Land Fd. Purchase of lots	40.00	
F. K. Johnson refund deposit garbage contract	100.00	
Tailing account	5.50	
Victory and Withholding Tax . . .	1,201.98	
	<hr/>	2,186.88
Revenue Loans		25,000.00

Total Expenditures		<hr/> \$206,546.05
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Cash Balance	
Dec. 31, 1943 . .	83,575.71
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	\$290,121.76

Statement of Reserve Fund Transfers:

Bonds (surety)	2.00	
Police Dept.	26.75	
Moth Dept.	1.70	
Tree Warden	38.51	
Highways Village	800.00	
Highways Chapter 81	1,126.95	
Highways Chapter 9021	
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	\$1,996.12	
Unexpended balance	3.88	
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		2,000.00

Statement of Machinery Fund:

Balance Jan. 1, 1943	\$598.20	
Received from rentals	1,048.05	
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		1,646.25
Transferred to Rd. Mach. Acct.	500.00	
Balance December 31, 1943	1,146.25	
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		1,646.25

Statement of Cemetery Land Fund:

Balance Jan. 1, 1943	\$387.35	
Received from sales of lots	131.00	
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		518.35
Paid repurchase of lots	40.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1943	478.35	
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		518.35

Comparative Balance Sheet, December 31, 1943

Assets

	1942	1943
Cash	\$ 74,885.15	\$ 83,575.71

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Taxes:		
Real Estate Levy of 1941	8,467.86	
Real Estate Levy of 1942	19,918.36	
Real Estate Levy of 1943		6,895.51
Personal Levy of 1941	808.84	18,315.86
Personal Levy of 1942	1,104.77	
Personal Levy of 1943		461.15
Poll Levy of 1941	60.00	1,050.96
Poll Levy of 1942	298.00	
Poll Levy of 1943		54.00
Motor Vehicle Exc. Levy, 1940	26.20	184.00
Motor Vehicle Exc. Levy, 1941	264.49	
Motor Vehicle Exc. Levy, 1942	1,201.53	417.71
Motor Vehicle Exc. Levy, 1943		879.73

Departmental:

Welfare	1,402.48	1,415.23
Old Age Assistance	405.36	383.34
State and Military Aid	210.00	330.00
State Tuition of State Wards		1,384.01
County Dog Account	60.00	48.00
State Aid to Highways	3,139.59	538.25
Tax Titles	356.68	442.95
Tax Title Possessions	73.28	73.28
Tax Judgment Excise	502.62	502.62
Overdrawn Account:		
Highways Chap. 81	3,139.59	

Liabilities and Reserves

	1942	1943
Revenue Loan	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Highway Loan		1,146.25
Machinery Fund	598.20	478.35
Cemetery Land Fund	387.35	3.60
County Dog Tax	18.60	303.62
Tailings	105.50	
Appropriation Balances:		
Machinery Account	10.83	
Fire Dept. Ladder Truck	1,000.00	
Special Nurse For the Duration ..		429.00
Reserve for Highway Loan		9,461.75
Reserve Int. on Highway Loan		1.00
Reserve Int. on Ladder Truck Notes		3.25
Reserve Old Age Assist. Recovery..		361.21
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus	7,518.28	6,986.60

Overlays Reserves for Abatements:

Levy of 1941	1,557.22
Levy of 1942	1,953.12
Levy of 1943	1,287.54

Revenue Reserved until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	1,492.22
Tax Titles and Possessions	429.96
Departmental	2,077.84
State Aid to Highways	3,139.59

Debt Account: State and County Assessment Temporary Highway Loan	238.93	Surplus Revenue	71,036.09	89,079.01
	10,000.00			
	<u>\$116,324.80</u>	<u>\$127,191.24</u>	<u>\$116,324.80</u>	<u>\$127,191.24</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded Debt	18,000.00	High School Bonds	3,000.00	2,000.00
		High School Addition Notes	15,000.00	14,000.00
		Fire Truck Notes		3,000.00
	<u>\$18,000.00</u>		<u>\$18,000.00</u>	<u>\$19,000.00</u>

Trust Accounts

	1942	1943
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities...	\$194,629.80	\$198,482.73
Elizabeth White Charity Fund	\$ 26,869.27	\$ 27,228.22
Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund..	13,548.57	14,284.32
Wilde Memorial Library Fund	14,695.11	14,790.03
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	2,510.58	2,773.09
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund.	634.74	647.49
Cemetery Surplus Fund	1,044.09	1,065.07
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds ...	47,243.34	48,357.91
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund ...	1,505.60	1,506.14
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fd..	82,958.93	84,207.80
Sarah J. Green Cemetery Fund	154.03	157.12
Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund	3,465.54	3,465.54
	<u>\$194,629.80</u>	<u>\$198,482.73</u>

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD L. JONES, Town Accountant.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 28, 1943.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Mr. George A. Morse, Chairman
Acton, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from November 20, 1940 to August 21, 1943, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from November 20, 1940, the date of the previous examination, to August 21, 1943, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the recorded receipts and payments being checked with the treasurer's books. The appropriations voted by the town and the transfers from the reserve fund, as recorded, were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed at town meetings and with the finance committee's records of authorized transfers from the reserve fund. A trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet,

showing the financial condition of the town as of August 21, 1943, was prepared and is appended to this report.

As may be seen from the balance sheet, the town is in very good financial condition.

The balance sheet also shows several appropriation overdrafts, which are contrary to the provisions of Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws. However, overdrafts in Chapter 81 or 90 highway appropriations, toward which the State and County contribute funds, may be avoided by the issuance of temporary loans under Section 6A, Chapter 44, General Laws. If the town desires to avoid such loans, an appropriation could be voted from available funds for the amount of the State's and County's allotments, with a provision that the reimbursements from the State and County be credited back upon their receipts to surplus revenue.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book additions were verified and the recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the town accountant's ledger, with the records in the various departments, and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The disbursements were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to pay out town funds, and the cash balance as of August 21, 1943, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The recorded payments of debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and by examination of the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the tax collector's records, the reported redemptions were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, and the tax title deeds as listed were checked with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees were examined. The income was proved, the disbursements were verified by comparison with the vouchers on file, and the transfers to the town were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book.

It is again recommended that trust fund income be withdrawn from the savings banks before the payment of bills chargeable to such income is made.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The poll, property, and motor vehicle excise taxes outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

It is recommended that the tax collector's payments to the treasurer be made at least weekly, as required by the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating the accounts as listed are correct.

The records of dog and sporting licenses issued by the town clerk were examined and checked. The recorded payments to the treasurer and to the State were verified and the town clerk's cash balance on September 18, 1943, was proved by count of cash in the office.

Payments of dog license receipts by the town clerk to the town treasurer should be made on the first Monday of each month or oftener, as required by Section 147, Chapter 140, General Laws, as amended, while payments to the Di-

vision of Fisheries and Game of money collected for sporting licenses must also be made on the first Monday of each month, in accordance with the provisions of Section 13, Chapter 131, General Laws, as amended by Chapter 599, Acts of 1941.

The surety bonds of the town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The available records of accounts receivable of the welfare department, including the bureau of old age assistance, were examined, the payments made to the treasurer and disallowances by the State were verified, and the outstanding accounts as of August 21, 1943, were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's books.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified. Attention of the sealer is called to Section 34, Chapter 98, General Laws, which requires all fees collected to be paid into the town treasury monthly.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen and the health department, as well as the records of all other departments collecting money for the town, were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and the town accountant's books.

It was noted that the receipts for licenses and permits issued by the health department during the year 1942, were not paid over to the treasurer until September 4, 1943, and it is therefore recommended that all such receipts be turned into the town treasury each month.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance November 20, 1940 \$ 61,424.18

Receipts:

Nov. 20 to Dec. 31,

1940\$ 36,655.95

1941 253,527.52

1942 236,284.26

526,467.73

\$587,891.91

Payments:

Nov. 20 to Dec. 31,

1940\$ 49,699.83

1941 238,871.70

1942 224,435.23

\$513,006.76

Balance Dec. 31, 1942

74,885.15

\$587,891.91

Balance Jan. 1, 1943

\$ 74,885.15

Receipts Jan. 1 to

Aug. 21, 1943

74,082.11

Unpaid warrant No.

259

125.00

\$149,092.26

Payments Jan. 1 to

Aug. 21, 1943.

\$129,478.73

Balance Aug. 21, 1943:

First Nat. Bank,

Ayer\$ 17,719.65

Cash in office ver-

ified 1,891.38

Cash variation ..

2.50

19,613.53

\$149,092.26

First National Bank, Ayer

Balance August 21, 1943, per state- ment		\$ 24,331.21
Balance August 21, 1943, per check book	\$ 17,719.65	
Outstanding checks Aug. 21, 1943, per list	6,611.56	
	<hr/>	\$24,331.21

RECONCILIATION OF COLLECTOR'S CASH

Cash balances August 21, 1943, per tables:

Polls 1941	\$ 14.00
Personal property taxes 1941 ...	111.18
Real estate taxes 1941	267.73
Polls 1942	12.00
Personal property taxes 1942	78.10
Real estate taxes 1942	1,005.14
Polls 1943	204.00
Personal property taxes 1943 .	207.46
Real estate taxes 1943	8,786.95
Motor vehicle ex- cise taxes 1941	12.61
Motor vehicle ex- cise taxes 1942	144.36

Motor vehicle ex-		
cise taxes 1943	232.17	
Interest and costs		
on taxes	77.07	
	<hr/>	\$11,152.77
Excess cash August		
21, 1943	1.33	
	<hr/>	\$11,154.10
Collector's overpay-		
ments to treas-		
urer, polls 1943	\$100.00	
Cash on hand Aug.		
21, 1943:		
Concord National		
Bank	\$10,605.54	
In office, verified.	448.56	
	<hr/>	\$11,054.10
	<hr/>	<u>\$11,154.10</u>

Concord National Bank

Balance August 21,		
1943, per state-		
ment		\$12,251.20
Balance August 21,		
1943, per check		
book	\$10,605.54	
Outstanding checks		
Aug. 21, 1943,		
per list	1,645.66	
	<hr/>	\$12,251.20
		<u><u>\$12,251.20</u></u>

Balance Sheet, August 21, 1943

General Accounts

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:		State Tax and Assessments	\$3,100.00
In Banks and Office....		State Tax	
Accounts Receivable:		State Parks and Reser-	93.15
Taxes:		vations Tax	
Levy of 1941:			\$ 3,193.15
Polls	\$ 42.00		4,410.69
Personal Property ..	303.17		763.80
Real Estate	1,577.19		
		County Tax	86.96
		County, Dog Licenses	361.21
		Victory Tax Deductions,	
		Due Collector of In-	
		ternal Revenue	
Levy of 1942:		Old Age Asst. Recovery .	82.00
Polls	\$ 154.00	Tailings, Reserved for Un-	408.35
Personal Property ..	712.71	claimed Checks	440.00
Real Estate	11,804.93	Sales of Cem. Land Fd...	
		Road Machinery Fund ..	
	12,671.64	Federal Grants:	
Levy of 1943:		Old Age Assistance:	
Polls	\$ 560.00	Assistance	\$ 2,649.57
Personal Property ..	10,911.24	Administration	36.42
Real Estate	79,975.89		2,685.99
	91,447.13		
		Unexpended Appropria-	
		tion Balances	2,718.24
		Reserve Fund, Overlay	
		Surplus	57,550.88
	1,609.56	Overlays Reserved for	
		Abatement of Taxes:	5,522.28
	502.62	Levy of 1941	1,432.52
		Levy of 1942	1,814.32
		Levy of 1943	2,759.62
	448.07		6,006.46

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Town Treasurer	
In Custody of Trustees.	
High School Loan	\$ 2,000.00
Schoolhouse Addition Loan	14,000.00
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	\$ 16,000.00
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TRUST FUNDS

In Custody of Town Treas.: Elizabeth White Charity Fund	\$27,320.36
Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund	14,389.32
Wilde Memorial Library Fund	14,857.90
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	2,765.68
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	634.74
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	48,937.96
Cemetery Surplus Fund	1,044.09
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	1,513.05
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	84,268.09
Sarah J. Green Burial Fund	154.03
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	\$195,885.22
In Custody of Trustees: Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund	3,465.54
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	\$199,350.76
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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
of the
TOWN OF ACTON
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending December 31, 1943

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

Mr. Walter B. Stevens, Chairman	Term expires 1944
Mr. Waldo J. Flint	Term expires 1946
Mrs. Arthur Fraser	Term expires 1944
Mr. Robert C. Hall	Term expires 1945
Mr. Richard Lowden	Term expires 1945
Mrs. G. Howard Reed	Term expires 1946

Meetings of the School Committee

Regular meetings of the school committee are held the first Tuesday of each month in the high school at 8:00 P. M. Exceptions may be made during July and August.

Superintendent

Richard B. Greenman

Office—High School Building, Telephone 110

School Physician	Ernest A. Mayell, M. D. East Acton, Telephone 345-3
School Nurse	Mrs. Simon D. Taylor, R. N. North Acton, Telephone 33-22
Attendance Officer	Carl Anderson West Acton, Telephone 110 or 16-12

Custodians:

High School, Tel. 110	Carl Anderson
Center School, Tel. 86	Harry E. Holt
South School, Tel. 445	Benjamin Sawyer
West School, Tel. 105	Ernest G. Banks

Tentative Calendar for 1944

- January 3—Schools open.
- February 18—Schools close.
- February 28—Schools open.
- April 14—Schools close.
- April 24—Schools open.

May 30—Memorial Day.
June 9—Elementary schools close.
June 16—High school graduation.
June 23—High school closes.

School Year 1944-1945

September 6—High school opens.
September 11—Elementary schools open.
October 12 and 13—Holiday (Columbus Day).
October 27—Teachers' Convention.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—Thanksgiving Recess.
December 21—Schools close at noon.

1945

January 2—Schools open
February 16—Schools close.
February 26—Schools open.
April 13—Schools close.
April 23—Schools open.
May 30—Holiday (Memorial Day).
June 8—Elementary schools close.
June 15—High School graduation.
June 22—High school closes.

No School Signal—All schools all day

7:00 A. M., fire whistle in all precincts—2-2-2-2.
7:00-8:00 A.M., radio announcements over WBZ and WEEL.

STANDING RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- 1. Admission to School** (as amended by vote of the school committee November 2, 1943)

Children shall not be admitted to the public school unless they are 5 years, 9 months of age on or before September 1. Ordinarily, entrance must come during the first two weeks of school. All children entering for the first time must present birth and vaccination certificates.

2. School Sessions

The total length of sessions shall be $5\frac{1}{4}$ hours in the elementary schools and 6 hours in the high school, with sufficient recesses. The doors of schools shall not be opened to pupils except by the principals, or persons delegated by the principals.

3. School Buses

All pupils living a mile or more away from the schools they attend are entitled to bus transportation. Bus pupils must meet the bus schedule and, while on the bus, conduct themselves properly.

4. Excuses for Absence and Tardiness (as amended by vote of the school committee January, 1944).

Pupils are expected to attend school regularly except for illness. They must present a written excuse signed by parent or guardian stating a definite reason for each absence or tardiness.

5. Detention

Pupils may be detained after school in the afternoon not longer than 30 minutes in the elementary schools and for a longer period in the high school.

6. Contagious Diseases

State Laws: Chapter 71, Section 55; Chapter 76, Section 15:

"A child from a household where a person is ill with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, or any other infectious or contagious disease, or from a household exposed to contagion from any such disease in another household, shall not attend any public school during such illness or exposure until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the local board of health, school physician or from the attending physician, stating that danger of conveying such disease by such child has passed."

7. School Property

Pupils shall be held responsible for books loaned to them by the school authorities and shall not mar or injure any form of school property.

8. Fire Drill (as amended by vote of the school committee January, 1944).

Fire drills shall be held at least once a month in all schools.

TEACHERS IN SERVICE

As of January 1, 1944

Center School

	Appt.	Graduate of	Home Address
*Ruth Johnson (Mrs.), Prin.	1935	Lesley School	West Concord
Dardana Berry (Mrs.)	1943	Framingham Normal	Acton
Helga Archer (Mrs.)	1943	Fitchburg Normal	Stow

South School

Julia McCarthy, Prin.	1906	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Florence Merriam	1927	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Carolyn Tuttle, B. S. E.	1940	Fitchburg State College	South Acton

West School

*Grace Callanan, B. S. E., Prin.	1935	Fitchburg State College	West Acton
Alice Feehan, B. S. E.	1938	Fitchburg State College	South Acton
Carrie F. Wells	1943	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton

High School

Richard B. Greeman, Prin. A. B., Ed. M.	1935	Harvard University Boston University	West Acton
Walter W. Holt, Vice-Prin. of S. H. S., B. S., M. A.	1928	Dartmouth College Boston University	East Acton
**Richard E. Bradford, Vice- Prin. of J. H. S., B. S. E.	1943	Bridgewater State Coll.	South Acton
Lydia Abbott, A. B.	1942	Colby College	West Acton
Margaret Boornazian	1929	Burdett College	West Acton
Mary Emerson (Mrs.) B. S.	1943	New Hampshire Univ.	South Acton
Wilbert Hayes	1942	Gorham Normal	West Acton
Henry Hopkinson, L.L.B.	1930	Northeastern Law School	West Acton
Marjorie Jones, B. S.	1931	Simmons College	South Acton
Barbara Kundhardt (Mrs.) B. S.	1943	Boston University	West Acton
Norma Leppanen, A. B.	1943	Colby College	West Acton
Henrietta Schmidt, B. S.	1943	Boston University	West Acton
Marion Towne, A. B.	1921	Smith College	Concord

Supervisors

Dorothy Beers, B. S. P. E.	1943	B. U. Sargent College	South Acton
Jeanne Toohey (Mrs.)	1943	Mass. School of Art	Maynard
Charles K. Yeremian	1941	Longy School of Music	Watertown

*Acting Principal

**Acting Vice-Principal

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Voters of Acton:

The school committee herewith presents its report for the year 1943 together with the report of the superintendent of schools, which has been accepted by the committee.

The committee as a whole has worked in complete unison and has tried at all times to give you the very best service they could possibly render.

The schools have lost many fine teachers to the armed services but we feel that the new teachers obtained to fill these vacancies are and will be a credit to the Acton school system.

During the summer vacation the committee decided that due to the apparent seriousness of the fuel situation it would be good judgment to buy and have delivered the complete winter's supply of fuel for all school buildings. One year's supply was delivered and this will assure the people of Acton that the schools will not be in any danger of being without fuel. This fuel was supplied by local companies.

During the year the pupils of all schools have done remarkable work in the purchasing of war bonds and stamps and the parents and pupils should be congratulated.

Due to O. D. T. rulings the bus service this past year had to be cut in places. At the present time these routes are in the process of being lengthened and as rules are relaxed, will be lengthened more. The parents, pupils, and bus contractor co-operated with the committee splendidly on this matter.

The committee voted to give diplomas to all seniors in service and presented these to their mothers at the graduation exercises in June 1943.

During the year a survey was made of the lighting system in the grade schools by a lighting engineer of Boston, Massachusetts. The lighting was found to be very inadequate and one room in the South School was equipped with new fluorescent lights. The committee would like to have the parents look at these lights and the committee has a special article in the Town Warrant asking for \$1,500 to install this type of lighting in all class rooms of the grade schools.

The high school roof, which has needed constant attention, will need a complete new covering and a special article has been put in the Town Warrant for \$1,500 for this work.

Shop work in the Industrial Arts Department is very essential in these times due to war industries. The present equipment needs replacement and some is not safe. The committee is asking, through a special article in the Town Warrant, for \$1,500 to be granted to make this department practical and efficient.

In closing, the committee wishes to thank the parents, pupils, and teachers for the fine co-operation given them during the year 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER B. STEVENS,

Chairman.

Comparison of Net Cost of Acton Schools

Received by Town Treasurer on account of schools:

	1942	1943
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
General School Fund, Part 1		
(State aid on account of		
teachers' salaries)	\$4,519.00	\$4,553.00

Tuition of State Wards (full)	1,315.39	1,222.01
Vocational Education —		
Arthur A. Hansen Trade		
School and Waltham Part-		
time Co-operative School		
(one-half)	212.40	137.78
City of Boston, tuition of wards	172.26	184.68
Town of Boxboro, tuition	1,600.00	2,856.11
Town of Westford, tuition	132.12	335.09
Boston Typewriter Company		
5 typewriters sold to U. S.		
Treasury Department Pro-		
curement Program		190.00
Total received	<u>\$7,951.17</u>	<u>\$9,478.67</u>
Appropriated	\$52,100.00	\$58,000.00
Spent from appropriation	52,080.83	57,990.92
Received by town treasurer	7,951.17	9,478.67
Net cost	<u>\$44,129.66</u>	<u>\$48,512.25</u>

Notes:

1. Receipts were larger in 1943 chiefly because of
 - a. Increased tuition rates.
 - b. Increase in Boxboro students from 17 to 20.
 - c. Sale of 5 typewriters to the U. S. Treasury Department.
2. The net cost of education in Acton in 1942 was 15% less than the amount appropriated. In 1943, although the appropriation was increased \$5,900, the net cost was still 15% less than the amount appropriated.
3. In comparing the school costs in 1942 and 1943, the increase in appropriation was \$5,900 but the increase in net cost was only \$4,382.59.

ACTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Proposed Budget for 1944

	1943	1944
2. Supt. and General Expense	\$2,500	\$2,500
3. Supervisors (3)	3,550	4,124
4. Principals		
High	1,200	1,300
Elementary (3)	4,940	4,980
5. Teachers		
High (12)	21,140	21,340
Elementary (6)	9,410	8,760
6. Textbooks	700	986
7. Stationery and Misc. Supplies	1,350	1,200
8. Wages of Janitors	3,840	4,440
9. Fuel	2,180	2,180
10. Janitor Supplies and Power	1,200	1,200
11. Repairs	500	600
12. Libraries	200	200
13. Health	300	300
14. Transportation	4,750	4,750
15. Sundries	140	140
16. Vocational Education	100	
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	\$58,000	\$59,000

Paid For Support For Year Ending December 21, 1943

Superintendent, Salary and Traveling Expenses \$	2,033.44
Office Expenses	548.60
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Total General Control	\$ 2,582.04

Expenses of Instruction

Supervisors' Salaries, Art, Music, Physical Education	3,129.29
High School Principal's Salary	1,199.92
High School Teachers, Salaries	20,640.31

Elementary Principals, Salaries	4,905.01
Elementary Teachers, Salaries	8,256.94
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	\$38,131.47
High School Textbooks	562.56
Elementary Textbooks	717.84
High School Stationery and Supplies	929.37
Elementary Stationery and Supplies	378.75
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	\$ 2,588.52

High School Operating Expenses

Janitor	\$ 1,553.46
Fuel	1,661.92
Miscellaneous	891.68
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	\$ 4,107.06

Elementary Operating Expenses

Janitors	\$ 2,523.92
Fuel	1,406.35
Miscellaneous	587.23
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	\$ 4,517.50

Total Operating Expenses	8,624.56
High School Maintenance and Repairs	457.40
Elementary Maintenance and Repairs	210.70
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Total Maintenance and Repairs	668.10

Auxiliary Agencies

Health, High	\$ 125.00
Health, Elementary	125.00
Libraries, High	185.83
Transportation	4,750.00

Vocational Education	52.62
Miscellaneous Expenses, High	157.78
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	\$ 5,396.23
Total Expended	<u>\$57,990.92</u>
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Unexpended Balance	9.08
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Appropriation	\$58,000.00

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Acton, Massachusetts
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my third annual report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

In March, 1943, Mrs. Arthur Fraser of South Acton was elected to serve one year to complete the term of Mrs. Hazel O. Bundy. Mrs. G. Howard Reed and Mr. Waldo J. Flint of West Acton were elected for three-year terms. At the organization meeting Mr. Walter B. Stevens was elected chairman and the superintendent was elected clerk of the school committee.

Teachers

Since January 1, 1943, the following teachers have left Acton: Mr. Robert T. Roy (to become principal of the Sippeican School in Marion, Mass.), Mrs. Louisa Jordan (resigned), Mr. Howard A. Libby (change of vocation), Miss Helen Connell (to teach in West Bridgewater), Mr. Kalervo Kansanniva (Army), Miss Bartlett (to be married), Miss Eynon (to teach in Winsted, Conn.), Mr. Harris (to teach in Concord, Mass.), Mr. Ralph Hayes (Army), Miss Rosemary O'Neill (to teach in Arlington, Mass.), Miss Constance Russo (to teach in Waltham, Mass.), and Miss

Florence Reed (to be married). This is a total of 12 teachers, one-half of our staff.

The following teachers were appointed, six of whom are married women with considerable experience: Mrs. Dardana Berry, Center School, Grades 5 and 6; Mrs. Catherine Archer, Center School, Grades 1 and 2; Mrs. Carrie F. Wells, West School, Grades 1 and 2; Miss Norma E. Leppanen, French and English; Mrs. Mary Emerson, home economics; Mr. Richard E. Bradford, acting vice-principal of the junior high school, coaching and social studies; Mrs. Barbara Kunhardt, commercial subjects; Miss Henrietta Schmidt, junior high school subjects; Miss Dorothy Beers, physical education supervisor; Miss Florence Reed and Mrs. Jeanne Toohey, art supervisors. A total of 11 teachers was appointed.

Several elementary teachers attended a conference on methods at the Bridgewater Teachers College and two high school teachers are part-time students at the Boston University School of Education.

Custodians

Mr. Carl Anderson was transferred from the West School to the high school, in a new position combining the work of custodian, attendance officer, and school department transportation. Mr. Ernest G. Banks took charge of the West School. Mr. Ralph Rogers resigned at the Center School to enter technical defense work and Mr. Harry E. Holt became custodian.

Salaries

On April 5 the school committee voted to pay all regular teachers and principals a war allowance of \$200 in 1943. The committee again comes before the town with a budget including the war allowance.

During the Summer of 1943 the state legislature made

\$1200 the legal minimum salary for teachers and the school committee was obliged to meet this requirement on January 1, 1944.

Financial

Your attention is directed to the **net cost** of our schools rather than to the amount appropriated. In 1943 the appropriation was \$58,000, but the net cost was only \$48,512.25. The amount received by the town on account of schools was \$9,478.67, about 15% of the appropriation, the receipts being listed earlier in this report under "Comparison of Net Cost of Acton Schools."

The committee asks for \$59,000 in 1944, \$1,000 more than last year. Several factors explain this increase: the new legal minimum salary, the need to bring our textbooks up to date, and the automatic annual step raises for new teachers, of whom there were eleven in 1943.

Special Articles

1. Payments to Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board of \$277.88.

This special article complies with Section 9 of Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1941 and Section 9A of said Chapter 708, as inserted by Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943: An Act Providing for Special Funds to meet the Liability of the Commonwealth and Political Subdivisions thereof to Pay Contributions to Contributory Retirement Systems on Account of Members thereof in the Military or Naval Service. "In order to provide funds to carry out the provisions of section nine, there shall be appropriated . . . annually, in the case of cities, towns, and districts, sums equal to not less than one-half of the amount which would have been paid by members on military leave of absence referred to in said section nine had they remained in the service of the commonwealth or of a political subdivision thereof during the preceding budgetary period."

The contributions are to be paid on account of the estate of Theodore H. Ehrhardt, and on account of Robert L. Perry, Roger T. Walsh, John Mitchell, Kalervo Kansaniva, and Ralph B. Hayes.

2. Metal-Working Machines for High School Industrial Arts Shop—\$1500.

Four bench machines are needed, as reported last year, which are listed in order of preference: grinder, lathe, shaper, and milling machine. Students in service report how practical our pre-induction shopwork has been. Metal work could be taught in Grades 7-12. Priorities are available for these machines, which were recommended by the service representative of a nationally known school shop equipment concern. The estimated cost includes the additional wiring necessary.

3. Fluorescent Lighting in Elementary Classrooms—\$1500.

For several years the superintendent's report has mentioned the inadequate lighting with 100-watt incandescent lamps. The fluorescent fixtures are guaranteed to give adequate light without glare or shadow in all parts of the room.

4. New High School Roof Covering—\$1500.

For several years the town has been reminded that the high school roof leaks. Some flashings are needed to replace the Toncan metal flashings originally installed. The felt is low and exposed in spots so that parts of the roof do not drain, especially during a driving storm or following a heavy snow fall.

Consolidated Elementary School

A consolidated elementary school has been under consideration since 1928 and the matter is being brought again to the attention of the town. The school committee rec-

ommends consideration of a consolidated school and is ready to co-operate with the local committee representing the Massachusetts Emergency Public Works Commission (Mr. Albert P. Jenks, Chairman, Mr. Richard F. Deane, and Mr. Forrest E. Bean). Considerable interest in a consolidated school was shown by the town in 1938, when a proposal to build was defeated by a small margin.

The chief advantages in a consolidated school will be economy of maintenance and improvement of instruction. The three elementary schools, all about 60 years old, are rated as third class construction. For three buildings there are 5 hot air and 4 steam heaters, costly to operate. Although the elementary schools and the high school have about the same number of students, the elementary schools cost about \$19,000 more to operate between 1926 and 1936.

Instruction for two grades in one room can not be what it should be, particularly in Grades 1 and 2. In the West School at present there are 42 pupils in these grades in charge of one teacher.

War and the High School Program

Several changes in the high school program caused by the war were listed last year. These changes are still in effect, with two exceptions, and further improvements have been made.

1. Standard Red Cross Home Nursing Course required for senior girls and Standard Red Cross First Aid Course required for junior girls. Fifteen first aid certificates awarded at graduation.
2. Eight diplomas granted senior boys in service.
3. Arrangement for John Nichols to complete his high school course while in the Navy through the U. S. Armed Forces Institute and earn a diploma.

4. Minute Man Flag earned for the high school because 90 % of the students bought war stamps and bonds in one month. Sales are made at noon by members of the Salesmanship and Business Organization classes under the direction of Mrs. Kunhardt, the commercial teacher. Each elementary school also earned the Minute Man Flag.
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In Memoriam

Theodore Herman Ehrhardt, former principal of the West School, was killed in action June 4, 1943 in the Latin-American area. He was leading a Ferry Command Squadron from Texas to the Panama Canal Zone.

Lieutenant Ehrhardt was educated in the schools of Whitman and received his master's degree at Bridgewater State Teachers' College. He also studied at Harvard and Boston University. Enlisting in July, 1941, he received preliminary training at Spartan Field, Oklahoma, basic training in Brady, Texas, and advanced training at Kelly Field, Texas.

Following his graduation from Kelly Field, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in February, 1942, he married the former Dorothy Cushman, also a teacher. Shortly afterward he was assigned as flight instructor in South America. Later he was stationed with the Ferry Command at Love Field, Texas, where he was promoted to first lieutenant.

The following paragraph was part of a letter sent by the school committee to Mr. Ehrhardt's wife and mother.

"Mr. Ehrhardt was considered a valued member of the staff, particularly in West Acton where he was principal of the elementary school. His friendly attitude, his loyal support of our schools, and his interest in music and dramatics are strongly impressed on the minds of Acton people."

Plans have been made to place a picture of Mr. Ehrhardt, with a suitable inscription, in the West School. Contributions will be made by students who knew him.

In Memoriam

Robert Lynne Townsend, who graduated from Acton High School in 1941, died of wounds at Bougainville in November, 1943. He was president of his junior class, president of student council, and a member of the football team, glee club, Torch staff, and traffic squad. The present student council members all signed a note of sympathy sent to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Lynne P. Townsend of Wellfleet, Massachusetts.

Plans have also been made to place a picture of "Bob" Townsend, suitably inscribed, in the high school building.

SCHOLARSHIP

A high academic standard is maintained. Acton High School is rated a Class A high school by the state department of education and is approved by the New England College Admissions Board. Students from our school with a B average are admitted to 14 New England Colleges without examination. Eligibility for school activities requires a passing grade in studies, a mark of 1 in attitude towards school work and a mark of satisfactory in conduct.

Graduates in 1943 now attend Radcliffe, Massachusetts State College, Becker Junior College, Westbrook Junior College, and the Cambridge Hospital School of Nursing. Eight boys are in service and one girl is in the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps. Three scholarships were awarded: \$50 and \$5 by the Acton Center Woman's Club to Jean Elizabeth Campbell and Kathleen Mary Feehan on entering nursing, and \$100 by the Acton High School Scholarship Fund to Helen Elizabeth Burroughs. The sympathetic leadership of Miss Towne, the senior adviser, and the guidance work of Mr. Holt, the vice-principal, contribute greatly to the success of our graduates.

Acton High School Scholarship Fund

For the year ending December 31, 1943, contributions amounting to \$118.95 were received from the Class of 1943, the West Acton Woman's Club and the Parent-Teacher Association. The balance is \$522.59. The trustees have taken steps to add an amendment to Article III of the declaration of trust so that current contributions may be used as a scholarship up to \$100 a year.

Parent-Teacher Association

The P.-T. A. continues its interest in school affairs. The annual declamation contest was held as a school assembly, with prizes of \$5, \$3, and \$2 in war stamps. A further contribution of \$33.94 to the Stage Equipment Fund made it possible to install permanent drapes on the stage, a great improvement in Blanchard Hall.

Health

Dental work is greatly needed but the school clinic cannot yet be set up again. An effort is being made to have the children see the dentist twice a year and bring to school the state department of public health dental certificate. Dental care is also stressed in the physical education program.

Conant Library

During 1943 the high school library has received many gifts from townspeople: the latest edition of **Encyclopedia Americana** (30 volumes), a collection of historical reference books, over 150 copies of **Fortune** magazine, and funds to purchase about 50 volumes of standard and recent literature for outside reading assignments.

Athletic Association

Considering the transportation problems and the shortage of boys, all athletic teams co-operated wholeheartedly with the coaches: Miss O'Neill, Miss Beers, Mr. Hayes, Mr.

Kansanniva, and Mr. Bradford. Many fine games have been held. Under the direction of Mr. Holt, Faculty Manager of Athletics, the students improved last year's magazine sales with a total of \$915.00, which gave the school \$309.00 for athletic purposes. The balance on December 31, 1943 was \$407.73.

Textbooks

Some progress has been made in bringing the textbooks up to date, including readers in Grades 1 and 2, English in Grades 3-8, Science in Grades 7 and 8, all high school mathematics, Civics and World History in Grades 9 and 10, and pre-induction shop courses. New texts needed are Geographies in Grades 4-7, Music for all grades, readers for Grade 3, Science for Grades 3-6, Dictionaries for Grade 8, and Arithmetics for Grades 4-6. In 1945 probably all our textbooks will be up to date.

Fuel

The elementary remedial teaching position was closed in February 1943, and the unexpended salary was used, with the balance in the budget available for fuel, to purchase the entire 1943-44 fuel during the Summer. Hereafter, the committee plans to purchase fuel for the entire school year during the preceding Summer.

Co-operation

A spirit of co-operation on the part of teachers and pupils has insured the success of many auxiliary school activities. Over 700 phonograph records were gathered to assist the American Legion in its campaign to release new records for service men. Various 4-H clubs made and sold Christmas greens to benefit the Camp Middlesex Fund for a new well. The profits were \$86.35. The Art, Home Economics, and Industrial Arts Departments have made many practical articles for service men under the direction of the Junior Red Cross, to which students contributed over \$30.

Home and School

Members of the school department appreciate the continued co-operation of parents and pupils. Teachers are glad to discuss with parents at any time the progress of their children.

I want to thank all members of the school department and the school committee for their support and encouragement during a year of many changes.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. GREENMAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Reports of Special Departments

Physical Training

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The health and physical fitness program is being carried on in the schools to meet the needs of our youth in this present war. It is the purpose of this program to develop strength, endurance, agility and co-ordination. This is accomplished through conditioning exercises, rhythmical work, health instruction, and vigorous activities in the form of sports and games.

The elementary school program includes exercises, story plays, mimetics, rhythmical activities, relay races, hunting, and athletic games. All of these activities emphasize good posture and good health.

In both the junior and senior high school the majority of girls have two periods per week of physical education plus the extra-curricular sports. Every student is given a physical examination and physical education is required for every girl except those excused by a doctor. Included in the girls' program are exercises, folk dancing, stunts and tumbling, modern dancing, and the fundamentals of the various team sports.

The extra-curricular sports—field hockey, basketball, and softball—include team participation in both intra-mural and inter-scholastic competition. Tumbling, hiking, and skating are also part of the extra-curricular program.

Posture is emphasized in all classes and tests are given with suggestions for improvement. Health instruction and lectures are also included in this program.

A special gymnastic uniform is required of all girls as a part of the class attendance. Hot and cold showers are also compulsory after all activity classes.

Suggestions:

1. Warm sweat suits purchased by the athletic association for school team players.
2. Addition of individual sports equipment.
3. Building of tennis courts behind school for class and extra-curricular use.

The physical education demonstration will be held again this year at the high school on May 12, 1944.

Dorothy Beers.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

The boys' physical fitness classes started early in September with definite aims: health improvement, co-ordination of all parts of the body, ability to give and take, and improvement of general morale through competitive games.

Each boy in Grades 9-12, following a physical examination by the school doctor, has two periods (90 min.) per week of physical exercise plus 4-6 hours per week of extra activities work after school for those who wish to take part. Grade 7 and 8 boys have at least one period (two periods if weather permits) per week of directed exercises and games.

All boys 'classes are held outdoors whenever the weather permits. They consist of calisthenics, tumbling, wrestling, and open-hand boxing, relays, close-order drill, road running, and the give and take of bodily contact as used in touch and tackle football, soccer, and basketball.

Much of the work carried on is recommended by the physical fitness experts of our U. S. Army as conditioning work.

Competitive 11-man football games were had with Middlesex, Concord, and Maynard. In basketball, under strict eligibility rules, we have scheduled at least a dozen games with surrounding schools. Baseball and track, in the Spring, will be planned if leisure time allows and if schedules can be arranged.

Skills as developed by our boys will be demonstrated to the public in Blanchard Hall on the evening of May 12, at 7.30 p. m.

Richard E. Bradford.

Music

My third annual report as supervisor of music in the Acton Public Schools is herewith submitted.

After two and a half years of instruction, observation, and recommendation, I am glad to report that I have succeeded in establishing a sound and adequate music program in our Acton Schools. I am happy to present to you the following progress made by our music department.

A. Progress

1. Established a course of harmony in the high school.
2. Organized a high school band.
3. Established a regular music appreciation program in the elementary schools.
4. Organized elementary instrumental class instruction. Thirty-one pupils are receiving instrumental instruction, seventeen more than last year.

B. Instruments Acquired

1. Two clarinets purchased.
2. One violin given by Arthur LaRoche of South Acton.

C. Contribution to the Community
by the Music Department

1. Part of the orchestra performed for a benefit bazaar.
2. The chorus sang in the Town Hall at the Honor Roll Dedication.
3. A group of high school singers and instrumentalists sang and played Christmas carols in different parts of the town.

D. Public Performance

1. Annual music festival in April.
2. High school orchestra performed at graduation, a Parent-Teacher Association meeting, and the senior play.

The morale of all groups is excellent.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the school committee, the superintendent, and the townspeople for their splendid co-operation, without which our music program could not succeed.

Charles K. Yeremian.

Art

The basic instruction in art education and appreciation is outlined below.

In the first three grades, emphasis is placed upon creative self-expression in design and in illustration. This emphasis is continued through the fourth and sixth grades with greater stress upon knowledge of design principles, elements of color theory, and perspective. Appreciation

is emphasized in the seventh and ninth grades. The senior high school students study principles and theory further and concentrate upon the branch of art study most desired by the student.

Hectographed outlines with sketches, and sometimes samples of the lessons, are given to each grade teacher at the first of every month.

Correlation with other studies is introduced when possible.

In all grades, most of the month of December was devoted to construction work, design and illustration, and making useful objects for Christmas decoration and gifts.

Some work was done for the Red Cross this year.

The posters for the senior high school play, "Plane Crazy," were made by the eighth grade and placed in store windows around Acton and the surrounding towns.

Jeanne Toohey.

Industrial Arts

The primary purpose of the schools of today is to give our youth a good general education. To attain this goal, definite subjects must be offered such as English, History, Science, Industrial Arts, and many others.

In our Acton High School Industrial Arts Department, general industrial training is offered under the units in woodworking, metal working, electricity, mechanical drawing, home mechanics, and two pre-induction training courses: fundamentals of shopwork and fundamentals of electricity, as approved by the War Department.

The outstanding value of metal working is quite apparent in the present day struggle to supply machines and materials to our fighting forces. Under metal working, machine shop practice stands out in importance both vocationally and avocationally. Our own machine shop unit

would be enriched greatly and be quite complete with the addition of a power grinder, lathe with quick-change gears, shaper, and milling machine. All of these machines are recommended to be of the bench variety due to available shop space.

The 7th and 8th grades are now given two double periods per week, thus doubling their shopwork time and credit. Prepared courses prevail in the high school grades giving students five credits toward graduation for each year of successful completion of work in industrial arts.

Projects being made for the local unit of the Junior Red Cross include a book wagon, lamp stand, floor lamp, table lamp, dart game, fox and geese game, ping pong paddles, and several lapboards and writing boards.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation to the school board, Mr. Greenman, and all others, who have aided me in the industrial arts work for the past year.

Wilbert H. Hayes.

School Membership and Attendance

Membership by Age and Grade, October 1, 1943

Boys		Age														
Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Ttl	
1	15	16	1												32	
2		4	18	2											24	
3			7	12	2										21	
4				5	7	3									15	
5					7	11	5	1							24	
6						5	8	1	1						15	
7							6	13	7	2					28	
8								6	14	5		1			26	
9									3	11	5	1			20	
10										3	3	3	1		10	
11											3	6	2		11	
12												1	4	1	6	
															232	

Girls				Age															
Gr.	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Ttl			
1	9	13	2													24			
2		2	25	1												28			
3			11	6		1										18			
4				4	13	3	1									21			
5				1	4	18	1									24			
6						9	12	2	2							25			
7							9	12	4							25			
8								5	11	2						18			
9									8	17	3	1				29			
10										5	15	5				25			
11											11	8				19			
12												6	8	3	1	18			
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REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. Richard B. Greenman
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as school physician.

The annual physical examinations were completed in November.

In January there were a number of cases of German measles in the Center School and Chicken Pox in the West School in March. Neither reached the epidemic stage.

Immunization clinics for diphtheria were held in May and early June.

I have had the hearty co-operation of the superintendent, nurse, and teachers, for which I am grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. MAYELL, M. D.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Richard Greenman
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report for the school year ending December 31, 1943. The physical examinations of all school pupils with special attention given to pupils in competitive sports was made by Doctor Mayell. Notices were sent to parents for all defects which should have attention.

The Board of Health and school physician carried on the usual diphtheria preventative clinic, Schicking 68 pupils. Of this number 22 were negative, the rest were given toxoid injections.

The pre-school conference was held in June; 30 children came for examination for entrance to school in September.

There were some measles, chicken pox, and a few scarlet fever cases during the year but not to the epidemic extent. During the Winter months there were the usual prevalent colds.

May I, at this time, express my thanks for the support given me by the teachers and superintendent?

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN F. TAYLOR, R. N.

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Program

Friday, June 11, 1943

High School Auditorium at 8.00 p. m.

Entrance March of Seniors

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Elgard

Invocation

The Reverend Arthur H. Wilde

Salutatory

Helen Elizabeth Burroughs

Essay—“The Four Freedoms”

Kathleen Mary Feehan

Girls' Glee Club

“Ciribiribin”

A. Pestalozza

“The Omnipotence”

Franz Schubert

Essay—“Air Raid Precautions in a Rural District”

Francis Michael Collins

Trumpet Solo

“Serenade”

Franz Schubert

James Francis McAvenia

Presentation of Class Gift

James Francis McAvenia

President of Senior Class

Essay and Valedictory

“Nursing as a Career”

Jean Elizabeth Campbell

Class Song

Words: Marion Elizabeth Nichols

Music: James Francis McAvenia

Presentation of Awards

Supt. Richard B. Greenman

National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation of Diplomas

Mr. Walter B. Stevens

Chairman of School Committee

Final March—"March Magnificent" A. H. McConnell

Reception to Graduates in Science Room

GRADUATES, 1943

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ** Fred T. Bird, Jr. | Ralph Perkins Marble |
| ** Charles Walley Boyer, Jr. | * Dominic Alexander Marini |
| * Helen Elizabeth Burroughs | James Francis McAvenia |
| Mary Elizabeth Byron | * Marcia Snowden McCabe |
| * Jean Elizabeth Campbell | Elizabeth Merriam |
| Francis Michael Collins | Robert Murray |
| Anna Emila Theresa Coulter | Marion Elizabeth Nichols |
| ** Cornelius Chas. Cullinane | ** George Pedersen |
| Patricia S. Curley | Edgar Howard Peterson |
| Dawn Viola Dagenais | Richard Haskell Peterson |
| Margaret Elizabeth Davis | ** Alvin R. Piper |
| Shirley Rita Durand | * Virginia Lee Richardson |
| Natacha Farley | Charles Albert Smith |
| * Kathleen Mary Feehan | * Phyllis Starbuck |
| Margaret Mary Gallagher | Eleanour Virginia Stevens |
| ** Norman Richard Gilbert | Phyllis M. Stuart |
| ** David Warren Hartwell | William Henry Stuart |
| Katherine Frances Hayes | ** Charles Raymond Sweet |
| Barbara Anne Horton | Charles Frederick Willett |
| Florence Elizabeth Larrabee | Karolyn Frances Wilde |
| * Honor Students | |
| ** In the Service | |

Awards at Graduation:

American Legion Medal, awarded by Edwards-Quimby Post to the senior boy and girl outstanding in scholarship, loyalty, and achievement: Virginia Lee Richardson, James Francis McAvenia.

Washington-Franklin Medal, awarded by the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for the best record in American History: Marcia Snowden McCabe.

\$25 War Bonds, awarded by Mrs. Robert Reid, Jr., to a senior boy and girl showing the greatest scholastic improvement in the past four years and a co-operative attitude through service to the school: Karolyn Frances Wilde, Dominic Alexander Marini.

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OF THE
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MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending December 31
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ITEM PRESS
WAKEFIELD

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex ss.



To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in said
County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of said
Town of Acton, qualified to vote at town meetings for the
transaction of town affairs, to meet in their respective pre-
cincts, to wit:

- Precinct 1—Town Hall, Acton Center
- Precinct 2—Universalist Church, South Acton
- Precinct 3—Woman's Club House, West Acton

at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, the fifth day of March, 1945,
by posting a copy of this warrant, by you attested, at each
of the places as directed by vote of the town, seven days at
least before the fifth day of March. To bring in their votes
on one ballot for the following town officers:

Moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, collector of
taxes, one selectman for three years; one assessor for three

years; one member of the board of public welfare for three years; four constables for one year; one cemetery commissioner for three years; two members of the school committee for three years; one member of the board of health for three years; one trustee Memorial Library for three years; and a tree warden.

The polls will be open at 12 o'clock noon, and close at 8 o'clock p. m.

You are further requested in the name of the Commonwealth to notify the legal voters of said town of Acton, as aforesaid, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Acton on Monday, the twelfth day of March, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries of all town officers.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committee chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 or some other sum for the observance of Memorial Day, this sum to be expended under the direction of a committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the use of the Treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local Dog Officer. The amount

spent for board and disposal of dogs will be reimbursed by the County of Middlesex, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer \$875.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 or any other sum to be used by the Town Forest Committee for the purpose of purchasing additional forest land or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 or any other sum from the Surplus Revenue Account for the work of the Post-War Public Works Committee, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00 for repairs on the town roller, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for repairs to the buildings now used by the Highway Department, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to defray the necessary expenses of office supplies, etc., in connection with the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to purchase new hose and three (3) fire alarm boxes, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve bills to the amount of \$1,500.00 for the furnishing and installing of fluorescent lights in some rooms of the elementary schools, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$77.80 to pay the balance due on the installation of fluorescent lighting in the elementary schools.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$1,550.00 to complete the fluorescent lighting in all elementary classrooms, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to have an annual audit of the various accounts of the town or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 so that the Board of Health may contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for the period of one year, or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the purchase of a power tractor and attachments for the Highway Department, or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for a compressor for the Cemetery Department, or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the Honor Roll which was presented by the Citizens of the Town of Acton on November 28, 1943, or act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to accept the gift of \$1,500.00 made to the Town of Acton by the will of the late Miss Charlotte B. Conant. Said sum to be kept as a fund and the income thereof used for the purchase of new books for the High School Library to be selected by the principal and the heads of the English and History Departments of the High School, or act anything thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will accept as a town way or street, that road known as Pine Street, westerly about 250 feet off Main Street, as shown on a plan filed in the office of the town clerk, or act anything thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to report at the next annual or special town meeting regarding the advisability of purchasing a truck for the Highway Department, or act anything thereon.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to be known as the Acton War Record Committee, whose duty it shall be to compile a permanent record of all men and women of Acton in the military service of the United States or of any of its Allies in the present World War. This committee to have full power of filling vacancies or enlarging the membership of the committee and that such moneys for the use of the committee as the Selectmen deem necessary from time to time be made available to the committee by the selectmen or the Finance Committee from any funds within their control. This committee to report at the next annual town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate and submit a set of Zoning Laws at the next annual or a special town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate and submit a set of Building Laws at the next annual or a special town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to elect by the town meeting a school Building Committee of three, working with the School Committee and the Superintendent, to survey the elementary school needs of the town, secure plans, and discover the cost of a central 8-grade elementary school, including sub-primary department, and the cost of

three new 8-grade elementary schools, including sub-primary department, one in each precinct; and to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the use of the School Building Committee, and instruct it to report to the town at the next annual or a special town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to investigate and recommend the advisability of insuring all or any part of the town buildings and equipment and report at the next annual or a special town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Overlay Surplus as a Reserve Fund or act anything thereon.

Article 33. To see if the town will appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for Highways under Chapters 81 and 90, provided that the reimbursement from the State and County be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Acton this tenth day of January, 1945.

ARTHUR W. LEE,
LAWRENCE DONNELLY,
GEORGE S. BRAMAN,
Selectmen of Acton.

A true copy. Attest:

ROBERT G. WILLETT,
Constable of Acton.

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee

Selectmen

Arthur W. Lee	Term expires 1945
George S. Braman	Term expires 1946
Lawrence Donnelly	Term expires 1947

Town Clerk

Harlan E. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

William Henry Soar

Assessors

*Clare A. Milbery	Term expires 1945
Carl C. Flint	Term expires 1946
Albert P. Durkee	Term expires 1947

**James W. Baker

*Resigned

**Elected to replace*

Collector of Taxes

Carrie M. Durkee

Tree Warden

James J. Knight

Board of Public Welfare

Benjamin J. Ineson	Term expires 1945
Mary M. Laffin	Term expires 1946
Walter B. Stevens	Term expires 1947

Constables

Samuel E. Knowlton
Ivar Peterson

Robert G. Willett
Ralph F. Littlefield

Cemetery Commissioners

Ray L. Harris	Term expires 1945
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1946
Harry E. Holt	Term expires 1947

School Committee

Richard A. Lowden	Term expires 1945
*Robert C. Hall	Term expires 1945
Waldo J. Flint	Term expires 1946
Marion C. Reed	Term expires 1946
Edith T. Engman	Term expires 1947
Margaret Fraser	Term expires 1947
**H. Vaughn Allen	
*Resigned	**Elected to replace*

Trustees of Memorial Library

Mary Haskell Lothrop	Term expires 1945
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1946
Wendell F. Davis	Term expires 1947

Board of Health

Lowell H. Cram	Term expires 1945
O. Lawrence Clark	Term expires 1946
Robert R. Ford	Term expires 1947

Agent of Board of Health

Ernest E. Allsopp

Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

Waldo E. Whitcomb	Term expires 1945
Grace O. Lears	Term expires 1946
Clara L. Sawyer	Term expires 1947

Trustees of West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

H. Stuart MacGregor	Term expires 1945
James B. Wilson	Term expires 1946
Arnold H. Perkins	Term expires 1947

Clarence Frost	Term expires 1945
Herbert Merriam	Term expires 1946
Frederick T. Kennedy	Term expires 1947

Ralph P. Marble	Term expires 1945
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1946
Charles E. Smith	Term expires 1947

Executive Clerk

Virginia Milberv

Office: Town Hall Hours: 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Meetings: Board of Selectmen, Wednesday evenings at 7:30
Board of Public Welfare, Tuesday evenings at 7:00

W. Stuart Allen	Pauline Bursaw
Alden C. Flagg	Albert W. Locke
William T. Merriam	Porter G. Jenks

Superintendent of Streets

Russell C. Berry

William B. Feely	Term expires 1945
James W. Coughlin	Term expires 1946
James B. Wilson	Term expires 1947
Harlan E. Tuttle	Ex-Officio

Election Officers

Precinct I

Warden—Alice C. Duren
Clerk—James A. Wayne
Inspector—Samuel E. Knowlton
Inspector—Paul A. Coughlin
Deputy Warden—Gertrude M. O'Neil
Deputy Clerk—Helen R. Best
Deputy Inspector—Ralph L. Rogers
Deputy Inspector—Leo T. McCarthy
Teller—Marion C. Jewell
Teller—Mary F. McCarthy

Precinct II

Warden—Doris Soar
Clerk—Grace J. Cullinane
Inspector—Merle M. Hayward
Inspector—Sophia Walsh
Deputy Warden—Marion H. Wilmot
Deputy Clerk—Thomas M. Murray
Deputy Inspector—Henry L. Capelle
Deputy Inspector—Joseph H. Lemoine
Teller—Marion L. Piper
Teller—John J. Bradley

Precinct III

Warden—Fannie E. Davis
Clerk—Anna M. Learmonth
Inspector—Louise C. O'Brien
Inspector—Mary M. Laffin
Deputy Warden—Bertram D. Hall
Deputy Clerk—Elizabeth M. White
Deputy Inspector—Harry E. Holt
Deputy Inspector—Katherine M. Kinsley
Teller—Margaret F. Leveroni
Teller—Marion C. Reed

Fire Engineers

H. Stuart MacGregor, Chief Engineer
Clarence Frost, Asst. Engineer—Precinct I
David Clayton, Asst. Engineer—Precinct II
Arno H. Perkins, Asst. Engineer—Precinct III

Cattle Inspector

Ernest E. Allsopp

Forest Warden

H. Stuart MacGregor

Dog Officer

Arthur Fraser

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Carl E. Anderson

Town Forest Committee

James J. Knight	Term expires 1945
Albert R. Jenks	Term expires 1946
Clarence Frost	Term expires 1947

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Oliver D. Wood	Charles E. Smith
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Field Drivers

Norman E. Livermore	Robert G. Willett
Norman L. Perkins	

Superintendent of Moth Work

James J. Knight

Police Officers

*Michael Foley, Chief

Robert G. Willett	Benjamin H. Sawyer
Louis Leveroni	Samuel E. Knowlton

*Civil Service—Permanent

Burial Agent

Waldo J. Flint

Soldiers' Relief Agent

Waldo J. Flint

Superintendent of Jones Memorial Field

Frederick Kennedy

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Howard L. Jones

Public Weighers

William Braman

G. Howard Reed

A. W. Davis

John William Davis

Alfred Davis, Jr.

M. B. Ferber

Willard Houghton

Albert S. Braman

Philip Newell

Thomas Hearon

Albert R. Jenks

Porter G. Jenks

Edith King

L. W. Lowe

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We submit, herewith, the reports of the various departments of the Town for the year ending December 31, 1944; also a report of the action taken on all articles submitted to the voters at the regular and special town meetings.

The Board of Selectmen was organized on March 8, 1944 with Arthur W. Lee, Chairman; Lawrence Donnelly, Clerk and George S. Braman. The Board has had fifty-two regular and three special meetings during the year.

Russell C. Berry was appointed Superintendent of Streets on April 5, 1944.

New overhead doors were installed at the Acton Center fire house and both the Acton Center and South Acton fire houses were painted.

During the year, the Town purchased the land and buildings owned by the Acton Agricultural Holding Company. One of these buildings is being used for sand storage and another for housing the large pieces of road machinery. All town equipment is now stored on town property. The old building used by the highway department has been turned over to the tree department.

The Board is asking that committees be appointed to submit zoning and building laws to the Town. It has been called to our attention that steps along these lines should be taken to safeguard the citizens and property of the Town.

We are also asking that a committee be appointed to recommend the advisability of carrying insurance on some or all town property and equipment. This matter should be brought before the Town for their decision.

The Board is asking that a committee be appointed to investigate the advisability of the Town purchasing a truck for the highway department. Practically all towns own one or more trucks and we feel that it would be a wise and economical move for this Town to do the same.

The Board wishes, at this time, to express its appreciation to all town officers and committees for their support and co-operation in carrying out the duties of their respective offices during the past year.

ARTHUR W. LEE,
LAWRENCE DONNELLY,
GEORGE S. BRAMAN,
Selectmen of Acton.

TOWN MEETINGS

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting, March 13, 1944

Art. 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries of all town officers.

Chose: Clara L. Sawyer trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund for three years.

Chose: Grace O. Lears trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund for two years. To fill a vacancy.

Chose: Arnold H. Perkins trustee of the West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: Frederick T. Kennedy trustee of the Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: Charles E. Smith trustee of the Goodnow Fund for three years.

Chose: Ralph P. Marble trustee of the Goodnow Fund for one year. To fill a vacancy.

Voted: That the salary of the Tax Collector be one thousand dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Selectmen be three hundred dollars per annum and the other members two hundred dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salaries of the Assessors be fifteen hundred dollars in the aggregate per annum to be apportioned as they may determine.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Board of Health be twenty-five dollars per annum, the clerk fifteen dollars and the other member ten dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Board of Public Welfare be one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum and that of the other members seventy-five dollars each per annum and that a member of the Board of Public Welfare shall serve as Supervisor of Old Age Assistance and that the expense of administering this assistance such as necessary supplies, salary and traveling expense of said supervisor shall not exceed more than one hundred dollars of the amount provided for this purpose by the Federal Government.

Voted: That the salary of the Moderator be fifteen dollars for the annual meeting and ten dollars for the special meetings.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Clerk be two hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Treasurer be six hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Accountant be six hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Voted: That the town highway labor shall be paid seventy-five cents per hour provided that it is agreeable to the State.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to fix the salaries of all other town officers.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers.

Voted: To accept the several reports of town officers.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committee chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Mr. Clare Milbery gave a report of the committee on numbering houses.

Voted: To accept the report of the committee on numbering the houses as a report of progress.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Under this and other articles in the warrant it was voted to appropriate and raise by taxation for:

Highways, Village	\$ 1,200.00
Highways, Chapter 81	7,125.00
Highways, Chapter 90	2,000.00
General Government	8,600.00
Bonds (town officers)	280.00
Buildings and Grounds	2,400.00
Police Department	
Chief's Salary	1,800.00
Expenses and Operating Cruiser	1,000.00
Chief's War Bonus	300.00
Fire Department	3,000.00
Forest Fires	1,200.00
Hydrant Service	3,453.00
Moth Department	1,200.00
Tree Warden	650.00
Health Department, including Nurses	3,800.00
Snow Removal	4,000.00
Street Lighting	3,400.00
Public Welfare	4,500.00
Veterans' Benefits	3,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,800.00
Old Age Assistance	18,000.00
Department of Education	59,000.00
Library Maintenance	1,500.00
Library, Books	200.00
Cemeteries	2,800.00
Liability Insurance	600.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Expense of Dog Officer	200.00

Jones Community Field	100.00
Unclassified	300.00
Interest on Notes and Bonds	320.00
Post War Public Works Committee	500.00
Reserve Fund from Overlay Surplus Account	2,000.00
Rationing	500.00
Committee on Public Safety	500.00
Transfer from Machinery Fund to Machinery Account	750.00
Disposal of Garbage	1,800.00
Interest on Highway Loans	22.50
Bonded Indebtedness	3,000.00
Power Metal-Working Machines, Art. 15....	1,500.00
Repairing Town Sprayer	150.00
Public Welfare, Art. 14	100.00
Mass. Teachers' Retirement Board, Art. 16 ..	277.88
Fluorescent Lighting in Schools, Art. 17....	1,500.00
Repairing High School Roof, Art. 18	1,500.00
Painting Fire House and Repairing Doors, Art. 21	375.00
Pay the following unpaid bills for the differ- ent departments:	
Fire Department	208.30
Forest Fires	130.10
Snow Removal	28.75
Board of Health	26.00
Surplus Revenue Account on account of State and County allotments for highways	
See vote under Art. 24	11,125.00
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	\$163,971.53

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Voted unanimously: That the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the use of the Treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local Dog Officer. The town will be reimbursed for the amount spent, by the County of Middlesex, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred (200) dollars for the use of the Treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local dog officer.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the maintenance of Jones Community Field, South Acton, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate one hundred (100) dollars for the maintenance of Jones Community Field, South Acton.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer \$750.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer seven hundred fifty (750) dollars from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 or any other sum to be used by the Town Forest Committee for the purpose of purchasing additional forest land or act anything thereon.

Motion: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred (500) dollars for the use of the Town Forest Committee.

Motion did not prevail.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the work of the Post War Public Works Committee, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred (500) dollars for the use of the Post War Public Works Committee.

Art.12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for repairs to the town sprayer, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty (150) dollars for repairs to the town sprayer.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Welfare to employ a person from the Civil Service list for the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief in Acton, or act anything thereon.

Motion: That the town authorize the Board of Public Welfare to employ a person from the Civil Service list for the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief in Acton.

Voted: That the vote be taken by ballot.

Four tellers were appointed by the Moderator: H. Ben-

jamin Smith, Wm. Henry Soar, Richard A. Lowden and Herbert L. Leusher.

Motion did not prevail.

Whole number of votes cast	199	Yes	55
		No	144

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to defray the necessary expenses of the person employed by the Board of Public Welfare in the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred (100) dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the person employed by the Board of Public Welfare in the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for power metal-working machines in the high school shop, as recommended in the report last year, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars for power metal-working machines to be used in the high school shop.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$277.88, as required by law, to be paid to the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Board on account of teachers on leave of absence for military service, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seventy-seven and 88/100 (277.88) dollars to be paid to the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 to install fluorescent lighting fixtures in all elementary classrooms, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars to install fluorescent lighting fixtures in all elementary classrooms.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for a new high school roof covering, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars for a new high school roof covering.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to have an annual audit of the various accounts of the town or act anything thereon.

Voted: To instruct the Board of Selectmen to have an annual audit of the various accounts of the town.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800.00 so that the Board of Health may renew the contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for the period of one year, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred (1800) dollars so that the Board of Health may renew the contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for the period of one year.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375.00 for the installation of two overhead doors in the Acton Center Fire House and for the painting of the Acton Center and South Acton Fire Houses, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy-five dollars for the installation of two overhead doors in the Acton Center Fire House and for the painting of the Acton Center and South Acton Fire Houses.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Acton, adopted on March 8, 1926, by adding at the end of Article 1 of Section 1, the following:

The members of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee and the Board of Health, are to be equally represented from each of the three existing precincts, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 from the Overlay Surplus as a Reserve Fund or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate the sum of two thousand (2000) dollars from the Overlay Surplus as a Reserve Fund.

Art. 24. To see if the town will appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for Highways under Chapters 81 and 90, provided that the reimbursement from the State and County be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of eleven thousand one hundred twenty-five (11,125) dollars the amount of the State's and County's allotments for Highways under Chapters 81 and 90, provided that the reimbursement from the State and County be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the following unpaid bills for 1943 or do or act anything thereon.

Fire Department	\$208.30
Forest Fires	130.10
Snow Account	28.75
Board of Health	26.00

\$393.15

Voted: That the sum of \$393.15 be appropriated to pay the unpaid bills under Article 25.

Voted: To adjourn.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 1944

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account an amount not exceeding \$6000 for the purchase of land and buildings offered for sale by the Acton Agricultural Holding Company or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account an amount not exceeding six thousand (6000) dollars for the purchase of land and buildings offered for sale by the Acton Agricultural Holding Company.

	Yes	67
This vote was taken by ballot:	No	10
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	Total	77

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to set aside a substantial part of the property owned by the Acton Agricultural Holding Company as a public playground, this playground to be named the "Goward Field" or act anything thereon.

Amendment: To substitute the name "Roberts Field" instead of "Goward Field," in memory of the three Roberts who were the first three casualties from the Town of Acton in this war.

Did not prevail.

Voted: To set aside a substantial part of the property to be purchased from the Acton Agricultural Holding Company as a public playground, this playground to be named the "Goward Field."

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the terms offered by the Acton Agricultural Holding Company, namely: on request of a Personal or Real Estate tax payer of the Town of Acton, subject to the approval and control of the Board of Selectmen, said playground to be used with-

out charge, for the purposes of Fairs, Old Home Days or other like gatherings beneficial to the Town of Acton and its citizens, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept the terms offered by the Acton Agricultural Holding Company namely: on request of a Personal or Real Estate tax payer of the Town of Acton, subject to the approval and control of the Board of Selectmen, said playground to be used without charge for the purposes of Fairs, Old Home Days or other like gatherings beneficial to the Town of Acton, and its citizens.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer to accept sums of money received due to the purchase by the Town of Acton of land and buildings owned by the Acton Agricultural Holding Company and credit the same to the Surplus Revenue Account or act anything thereon.

Voted: To authorize the treasurer to accept sums of money received due to the purchase by the Town of Acton of land and buildings owned by the Acton Agricultural Holding Company and credit the same to the Surplus Revenue Account.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1000 from the Overlay Surplus Account for the alteration and relocation of Concord Road, beginning at the railroad tracks and extending in a northwesterly direction for approximately 1000 feet or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars from the Overlay Surplus Account for the alteration and relocation of Concord Road, beginning at the railroad tracks and extending in a northwesterly direction for approximately 1000 feet.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2000 from the Surplus Revenue Account, which is the amount of the State and County allotments for the

alteration and relocation of Concord Road, beginning at the railroad tracks and extending in a northwesterly direction for approximately 1000 feet provided that the reimbursement from the State and County be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of two thousand (2000) dollars from the Surplus Revenue Account, which is the amount of the State and County allotments for the alteration and relocation of Concord Road, beginning at the railroad tracks and extending in a northwesterly direction for approximately 1000 feet, provided that the reimbursement from the State and County be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$300 from the Surplus Revenue Account for the Board of Public Welfare for Temporary Aid or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of three hundred (300) dollars from the Surplus Revenue Account for the Board of Public Welfare for Temporary Aid.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$250 from the Surplus Revenue Account for the operating expenses of the Police Department or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of \$250 from the Surplus Revenue Account for the operating expenses of the Police Department.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$450 from the Surplus Revenue Account for the operating expenses of the Rationing Board or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of four hundred fifty (450) dollars from the Surplus Revenue Account for the operating expenses of the Rationing Board.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$400 from the Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase and installation of new grates for the boiler at the Acton High School or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of four hundred (400) dollars from the Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase and installation of new grates for the boiler at the Acton High School.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$75 from the Surplus Revenue Account for the salary of a part-time man to fire the boiler at the Acton High School during the cold months or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of seventy-five (75) dollars from the Surplus Revenue Account for the salary of a part-time man to fire the boiler at the Acton High School during the cold months.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$300 from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Account or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of three hundred (300) dollars from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Account.

Voted to adjourn.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births

Whole number recorded	51
Born in Acton 1	Native Parentage 45
Males 20	Foreign parentage —
Females 31	Mixed parentage 6

Marriages

Whole number recorded	22
Resident of Acton 29	Resident of other places 15

Deaths

Whole number recorded	39
Resident of Acton 30	Resident of other places 9
Occurring in Acton ... 28	Occurring in other places 11
Average age in years, 66 plus	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1944

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Oct. 5	Concord	Andersen, Donald Arthur	George and Ruth E. K. Hansen
April 6	Concord	Anderson, Donald Wayne	Edwin A. and Josephine Paolino
April 2	Concord	Applegren, Linda Mae	Folke E. and Domenica E. Mazzeo
April 27	Concord	Charter, Weslyn Davis	Wesley D. and Alice M. House
Nov. 3	Boston	Cook, Alberta Irene	Albert S. and Louise Stockbridge
April 1	Concord	Davis, Anita	Irving W. and Rose Best
Mar. 16	Acton	Davidson, Lucille Grace	Harold A. and Grace E. Frye
Feb. 1	Concord	Deane, Judith	Richard F. and Bertha W. Merriam
May 13	Concord	Duren, Brenda	Irving S., Jr. and Alice M. Condon
June 24	Concord	Enneguess, John Thomas, Jr.	John T. and Mary G. Ployart
July 27	Concord	Foley, James Michael, Jr.	James M. and Anna C. Downey
Dec. 14	New London, Ct.	Freeman, Robert R.	Carl A. and Mary E. Butler
Sept. 18	Concord	Gilbert, Kathleen Cecelia	Alfred G., Jr. and Mary F. Kelley
July 19	Concord	Gunzelmann, Richard Alan	Richard A. and Clara V. Swanson
Mar. 27	Cambridge	Hale, Margaret	Eugene and Eileen Callanan
May 10	Concord	Hall, Gordon Arthur	Arthur L. and Ruth Westby
Aug. 25	Concord	Harris, Ruth Ann	Frederick A. and Leota P. Baker
Mar. 30	Concord	Hayes, Robert Marvin	Wilbert H. and Rachel M. Goff
Jan. 24	Concord	Holland, Horace Neville	Neville R. and Barbara Cameron
Mar. 25	Boston	Hutchinson, John Warren	Warren B. and Helen Doxey
Jan. 25	Concord	Jarvi, Peter Jalmar	Jalmar and Sylvia M. Freeman

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Dec. 14	Concord	Jenks, Beverly Ann	Porter G. and Mabel J. Ogilvie
Mar. 21	Concord	Jordan, Pamela Louise	Chester P., Jr. and Louisa J. Wood
April 29	Concord	Kleinfelder, Paul	John and Anne E. Donahue
Sept. 18	Concord	Knight, Richard Charles	Harold J. and Alberta J. Barker
Jan. 21	Ayer	Landanno, Lillian Harriet	Salvatora and Ruth H. Specter
July 5	Concord	Lang, Phyllis Jean	William C. and Mary V. Soares
April 24	Concord	Lawson, Laurie Linwood	Edwin W. and Emma E. Bennett
Sept. 11	Concord	Lee, David Atherton	Arthur W. and Minetta B. DeCoster
Sept. 11	Concord	Lee, Donald Arthur	Arthur W. and Minetta B. DeCoster
May 15	Concord	Livermore, Ellen	Roland O. and Frances T. Yarnell
Dec. 8	Concord	Manosh, Kenneth Lawrence	Kenneth G. and Jeanne S. Lawrence
Jan. 24	Concord	Massie, Robin Leon	William A., Jr. and Evelyn P. Ogilvie
Nov. 13	Concord	McGovern, Mary Susan	George R. and Susan M. Marino
Dec. 10	Concord	Mekkelsen, Barbara	James R. and Florence M. Connor
April 14	Concord	Moore, Sandra Joan	Robert T. and Mildred E. Weston
Oct 13	Boston	O'Neal, Raymond Edwin	Raymond E. and Helen Price
Nov. 9	Ayer	Peavey, Edna Elaine	Howard J. and Lettie R. Burnham
Dec. 29	Concord	Perkins, Frances Margaret	Norman L. and Frances L. Matthews
Feb. 1	Concord	Perry, Geraldine	Joseph G. and Esther F. Jollymore
Mar. 9	Concord	Priest, Kenneth Stephen	Kenneth D. and Anne B. Taylor
April 13	Concord	Priest, Linda Marion	Lloyd W. and Dorothy M. Jones
Sept. 16	Newton	Putnam, Janet	E. Everett and Dorothy Matteson
Sept. 14	Concord	Rondeau, Elizabeth Ann	Alexander L. and Doris E. Peterson

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
July 15	Concord	Schmalz, Sandra Beryl	Wildor E. and Beverly Ackerman
Oct. 22	Boston	Smith, Gary Bennett	John I. and Dorothea I. Bennett
Dec. 8	Concord	Thompson, Charlene Esther	Clayton and Norma E. Peterson
Dec. 14	Concord	Thompson, Janet Lee	Melville A., Jr. and Muriel A. Higgins
Dec. 14	Concord	Thompson, Janice Elaine	Melville A., Jr. and Muriel A. Higgins
Aug. 24	Concord	Wetherbee, Diane	Thomas E. and Charlotte E. Tolman
July 29	Concord	Wilson, Jeanne Carol	James B. and Eleanor P. Hall
1943			
Feb. 27	Concord	Spinney, Kathleen Mary	Ralph E. and Mary F. Ward

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1944

Date	Place	Name	Residence
Dec. 30	S. Acton	Anderson, Willard A.	S. Acton
Jan. 15	Maynard	Rogers, Angelina	W. Concord
April 14	Saugus	Bateson, Robert D.	Line Rock, R. I.
Dec. 2	Boston	Curley, Madeline F.	W. Acton
Sept. 11	S. Acton	Brackett, Robert Dean	Acton
July 9	W. Acton	McLean, Marjorie E.	Saugus
Feb. 23	Concord	Brewer, William Thomas	Chicago, Ill.
Jan. 23	Maynard	Knight, Hazel Lucy	S. Acton
April 21	Chelmsford	Burstad, Ralph Gordon	Concord
		Laird, Charlotte Louise	S. Acton
		Downen, Donald Robert	Norwood
		Coulter, Anna Emila Theresa	Norwood
		Gilbert, Alfred G., Jr.	S. Acton
		Kelly, Mary F.	W. Acton
		Godfrey, Leonard Albert, Jr.	W. Acton
		Whitcomb, Mary	W. Acton
		Hayward, Russell Davis	S. Acton
		MacDonald, Barbara Patterson	S. Acton
		Merriam, Herbert William	S. Acton
		Hirvonen, Viola Matilda	Maynard
		Miller, John H.	Quincy
		Casassa, Clara Barrett	Acton

Date	Place	Name	Residence
June 25	Waltham	Nedza, Stanley A.	Waltham
		Hayes, Katherine F.	W. Acton
March 28	Maynard	Olsen, Carl A.	Acton
		Grover, Irma	Acton
Sept. 10	W. Acton	Salvetti, Giulio J.	Lawrence
		Mauro, Adelina T.	S. Acton
Aug. 30	W. Acton	Sisson, Richard C.	W. Acton
		Whitcomb, Margaret	W. Acton
Dec. 6	Maynard	Smith, Ralph I.	E. Acton
		McCarthy, Annie E.	W. Acton
Feb. 5	Nashua, N. H.	Snow, Harold Milton	E. Acton
		Montgomery, Alice A. H.	E. Acton
Sept. 23	Hyde Park	Starck, Cecil L.	W. Acton
		MacDonald, Kathlyn	Hyde Park
July 10	Concord	Thompson, Clayton	W. Acton
		Peterson, Norma Eda	W. Acton
Oct. 1	Waltham	Thompson, Melville Atwell, Jr.	W. Acton
		Higgins, Muriel E.	Waltham
Oct. 25	Methuen	Walther, Joseph L.	S. Acton
		Schruender, Helen L.	Methuen
Sept. 2	Fitchburg	Young, Winston R.	S. Acton
		Hicks, Cora E.	Concord

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1944

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.
Aug. 4	Aylward, Hannah	44	11	28
April 16	Barker, Harriet Crabtree	73	10	—
May 7	Boyer, Charles W.	55	—	—
July 15	Branley, Norbert Francis	36	3	15
May 24	Chaplin, Donald Emerson	16	4	24
Oct. 3	Charter, William Wesley	68	6	15
Jan. 28	Conant, Charlotte	68	4	—
June 8	Conway, Sarah J.	63	4	18
Aug. 27	Crosby, Edwin Henry	86	—	—
May 2	Downey, John J.	83	10	23
Feb. 10	Durkee, Raymond F.	56	1	8
Sept. 15	Ellice, Clarissa L.	73	0	17
July 17	Fiske, Elizabeth G.	88	9	27
April 12	Fullonton, Llewelyn T.	68	7	—
Feb. 26	Goding, James Alfred	84	10	3
May 28	Hall, Grace N.	71	4	20
May 30	Hampson, Ralph	33	3	10
July 21	Hausauer, Kenneth Nelson	37	—	—
Feb. 14	Haynes, Henry Lee	78	5	1
Sept. 2	Hennessey, Daniel J.	79	3	15
Jan. 2	Jones, Ralph Thomas	61	1	1
Sept. 15	King, Mary E. (Devane)	57	2	16
May 19	Kinsley, David Thomas	78	—	—
Jan. 2	Knowlton, Ellen Hall	93	6	22
Jan. 12	Littlefield, Susan	93	2	11
April 23	Oikemus, John H.	61	—	29
Mar. 21	O'Rourke, Hugh F.	62	1	13
Dec. 2	Penney, Mabel L.	59	1	19
Mar. 7	Purrier, Raymond Eugene	12	4	4
June 8	Saeger, Wilford Cook	63	4	14
May 8	Seiders, Carl Fredrick	66	—	17
Jan. 2	Sias, Harry	79	4	10
Aug. 28	Sisson, Stella Henrietta	82	9	13

Oct.	18	Stockbridge, Irene V.	71	7	25
June	17	Teele, Martha R.	70	11	17
May	14	Tuttle, Hattie Lee (Miles)	72	3	3
April	29	Tuttle, Jane M.	85	1	9
Nov.	1	Wherren, Carrie Edna	76	8	8
Nov.	27	Whitcomb, Frances S.	69	11	22
1943					
July	12	DeCoster, Minnie Louise	78	10	—

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1944

—37—

Date of Death	Name	Yrs	Mos.	Days	Place of Death	Place of Burial
1944						
July 3	Bagge, Grace L.	72	11	23	Wolfeboro, N. H.	Woodlawn
July 27	Brown, Laura E.	87	—	—	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Woodlawn
Feb. 24	Chase, Mary E.	93	1	5	Bolton	Mt. Hope
Dec. 18	Fletcher, Ida H.	88	3	3	Marlboro	Mt. Hope
Mar. 16	Frost, Carolyn	87	—	—	Harvard	Woodlawn
Mar. 16	Gardner, Jerome D. W.	57	5	11	New Bedford	Mt. Hope
Apr. 1	Gardner, Olive L.	70	8	13	Littleton	Woodlawn
Dec. 15	Graves, Hibbert W.	82	1	5	Boxboro	Mt. Hope
Jan. 14	Green, Sarah J.	85	4	21	Worcester	Mt. Hope
Nov. 16	Hayward, Dannie	90	—	—	Marlboro	Mt. Hope
1943						
Dec. 28	Hayward, Susan C.	84	—	23	Brookline	Mt. Hope
1944						
Feb. 13	Holmer, Eva V.	51	8	15	Roxbury	Mt. Hope
Sept. 29	Lear, Ella M.	54	3	29	Newport, N. H.	Mt. Hope
Dec. 6	Leighton, William A.	80	—	—	Oxford	Mt. Hope
May 13	Littlefield, Ida L.	69	5	2	Newton	Mt. Hope
Jan. 23	Mead, Adelbert F.	77	7	12	Harrisville, Vt.	Mt. Hope
Feb. 10	Millman, Flora E.	59	2	14	Marlboro	Woodlawn
June 25	Pickens, Roscoe A.	68	5	2	Waltham	Woodlawn

Date of Death	Name	Yrs	Mos.	Days	Place of Death	Place of Burial
Feb. 17	Quimby, Edward	79	5	10	Worcester	Woodlawn
Oct. 15	Roberts, Penfield	52	—	19	Boston	Woodlawn
Feb. 26	Robinson, Elizabeth M.	84	—	—	Cambridge	Mt. Hope
Feb. 6	Sawyer, Sadie E.	74	1	12	Concord	Mt. Hope
July 31	Slack, Arthur E.	60	11	7	Marblehead	Mt. Hope
Aug. 8	Symonds, Laura E.	59	1	2	Dover, N. J.	Woodlawn
June 8	Whitcomb, Fred J.	75	4	11	Bolton	Mt. Hope

DOG LICENSES

301 Licenses at \$2.00	\$602.00	
67 Licenses at \$5.00	335.00	
1 License at \$50.00	50.00	
1 License at \$25.00	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,012.00
Deduct fees 370 Licenses at 20 cents ..		74.00
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Paid to the Town Treasurer		\$938.00

Notice

All licenses expire March 31.

Dogs must be licensed on or before April 1, or the owners or keepers thereof are liable to a fine.

The law applies to all dogs three months old or over, regardless of the time of year ownership is acquired. No tax bills are sent to owners of dogs.

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

JURY LIST REVISED — 1944

Precinct I

James W. Coughlin—295 Main St.
George E. Horton, Jr.—437 Main St.
Forrest E. Bean—451 Main St.
Arthur Freese—40 Wetherbee St.
Roy H. Linscott—343 Great Rd.
Elwin H. Hollowell—13 Wheeler Lane
Foster R. MacKinnon—73 Esterbrook Rd.
Herbert L. Leusher—84 Woodlawn Lane
John N. Stevens—16 Newtown Rd.

Precinct II

Otis J. Reed—7 Prospect St.
Ralph F. Littlefield—164 Main St.
Edward LeClerc—13 Piper Rd.
David F. Penney—81 Robbins St.
Harold C. White—38 Main St.
H. Daniel Flanagan—47 Main St.
Chester A. Spinney—103 Main St.
Lossie E. Laird—2 Fletcher Ct.
Harold G. Nicola—86 Concord St.

Precinct III

Ernest G. Banks—637 Massachusetts Ave.
A. Leslie Harris—102 Willow St.
Lester A. Sebastian—457 Massachusetts Ave.
Bertram D. Hall—39 Windsor Ave.
George A. Rifford—186 Central St.
Edward A. Schmitz—57 Windsor Ave.
Joseph F. Redfern—220 Central St.
Harry E. Fannon—249 Central St.
R. Almont Lawton—235 Central St.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 7, 1944

R.—Republican.

D.—Democratic.

S. L. P.—Socialist Labor Party.

P.—Prohibition Party.

Pct. 1 Pct. 2 Pct. 3 Ttl.

Whole number of ballots cast	452	491	492	1435
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President and Vice President

Dewey and Bricker, R.	378	332	350	1060
Roosevelt and Truman, D.	66	144	139	349
Teichert and Albaugh, S. L. P.	0	0	0	0
Watson and Johnson, P.	0	0	0	0
Blanks	8	15	3	26

Governor

Horace T. Cahill, R.	348	318	338	1004
Maurice J. Tobin, D.	96	162	149	407
Henning A. Blomen, S. L. P.	3	0	0	3
Guy S. Williams, P.	0	0	0	0
Blanks	5	11	5	21

Lieutenant Governor

Robert F. Bradford, R.	381	366	384	1131
John B. Carr, D.	58	104	98	260
Alfred Erickson, P.	0	1	1	2
George Leo McGlyn, S. L. P.	2	0	0	2
Blanks	11	20	9	40

Secretary

Frederick W. Cook, R.	395	378	395	1168
Margaret M. O'Riordan, D.	48	93	81	222
Horace I. Hillis, S. L. P.	1	0	0	1
Blanks	8	20	16	44

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Ttl.
Treasurer				
Fred J. Burrell, R.	358	334	352	1044
John E. Hurley, D.	75	133	123	331
Herbert Crabtree, S. L. P.	2	0	0	2
Earle L. Smith, P.	1	0	1	2
Blanks	6	24	16	56

Auditor				
Thomas J. Buckley, D.	94	127	116	337
Frank A. Goodwin, R.	343	333	355	1031
Gote Elvel Palmquist, S. L. P.	1	0	0	1
Charles E. Vaughan, P.	0	0	1	1
Blanks	14	31	20	65

Attorney General				
Clarence A. Barnes, R.	368	347	381	1096
Francis E. Kelley, D.	68	115	96	279
Fred E. Oelcher, S. L. P.	2	0	0	2
Howard B. Rand, P.	0	0	0	0
Blanks	14	29	15	58

Senator in Congress (To fill vacancy)				
John H. Corcoran, D.	42	83	59	184
Leverett Saltonstall, R.	396	388	419	1203
Bernard G. Kelley, S. L. P.	2	0	0	2
E. Tallmadge Root, P.	1	1	0	2
Blanks	11	19	14	44

Congressman				
Edith Nourse Rogers, R.	399	399	429	1227
Milton A. Wesson, D.	39	68	51	158
Blanks	14	24	12	50

Councillor				
Frank A. Brooks	407	384	443	1234
Blanks	45	107	49	201

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Ttl.
Senator				
Merton H. Cochran, D.	60	112	100	272
Richard I. Furbush, R.	371	343	367	1081
Blanks	21	36	25	82

Representative in General Court				
John H. Valentine, R.	388	381	417	1186
Blanks	64	110	75	249

County Commissioners				
William G. Andrew, R.	338	322	355	1015
Nathaniel I. Bowditch, R.	331	293	336	960
Thomas B. Brennan, D.	58	96	87	241
Augustine F. Watson, D.	54	72	64	190
Blanks	123	199	142	464

Sheriff				
Joseph M. McElroy, D. R.	386	385	422	1193
Blanks	66	106	70	242

County Commissioner				
Melvin G. Rogers, R.	395	380	424	1199
Blanks	57	111	68	236

QUESTION NO. 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Shall an amendment to the constitution to provide for a Fair, Concise Summary, instead of a Description, of Each Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and Each Law submitted to the People, under the Initiative and the Referendum, and Certain Changes relative to the Filing of Initiative Petitions which is further described as follows:—

This amendment amends Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution by striking out section three under

the heading "The Initiative II. Initiative Petitions" and inserting in place thereof a new section which provides,—

That an initiative petition for a constitutional amendment or a law shall first be signed by ten qualified voters of the Commonwealth and shall be submitted to the Attorney General not later than the first Wednesday of the August before the assembling of the General Court into which it is to be introduced. It may be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth if the Attorney General shall certify that the measure and its title are in proper form and that it is not, affirmatively or negatively, substantially the same as any measure which has been qualified for submission or submitted to the people at either of the two preceding biennial state elections, and that it contains only subjects not excluded from the popular initiative and which are related or which are mutually dependent.

The Secretary shall provide blanks for the use of subsequent signers. He shall print at the top of each blank a fair, concise summary of the proposed measure, as determined by the Attorney General as it will appear upon the ballot, together with the names and residences of the first ten signers. All such petitions, with the first ten signatures attached, shall be filed with the Secretary not earlier than the first Wednesday of the September before the assembling of the Legislature into which they are to be introduced, and the remainder of the required signatures shall be filed not later than the first Wednesday of the following December.

Section 3 of that part of said Article XLVIII under the heading "The Referendum. III. Referendum Petitions," is also amended by striking out the second sentence of such section and inserting in place thereof provisions that the Secretary shall provide blanks for the use of signers of a referendum petition on a law requesting that the operation of such law be suspended subsequent to the first ten signers and shall print at the top of each blank a fair, concise sum-

mary of the proposed law as determined by the Attorney General as it will appear upon the ballot, together with the names and residences of the first ten signers.

Section 4 of that part of said Article XLVIII under the heading "The Referendum. III. Referendum Petitions," is also amended by striking out the third sentence of such section and inserting in place thereof provisions that the Secretary shall provide blanks for the use of signers subsequent to the first ten signers of a referendum petition asking for the repeal of an emergency law or of a law which takes effect because the referendum petition does not contain a request for suspension, and shall print at the top of each blank a fair, concise summary of the proposed law as such summary will appear on the ballot together with the names and residences of the first ten signers.

Article XLVIII is further amended by striking out subheading "III. Form of Ballot" and subheading "IV Information for Voters" under the heading "General Provisions" and inserting in place thereof new subheadings III and IV, which provide, respectively:

III. Form of Ballot

A fair, concise summary of each proposed amendment to the Constitution and each law submitted to the people, as determined by the Attorney General shall be printed on the ballot. The Secretary shall give each question a number and cause such question, except as otherwise authorized in said article of amendment, to be printed on the ballot in the following form:

In the case of an amendment to the constitution: Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, (here state, in distinctive type, whether approved or disapproved by the general court, and by what vote thereon)? Yes.—No.

(Set forth summary here)

In the case of a law : Do you approve of a law summarized below, (here state in distinctive type, whether approved or disapproved by the general court, and by what vote thereon) ? Yes.—No.

(Set forth summary here)

IV. Information for Voters

The Secretary shall print and send to each registered voter the full text of every measure to be submitted to the people, together with a copy of the legislative committee's majority and minority reports, with the names of the majority and minority members and a fair, concise summary of the measure as such summary will appear on the ballot and, in such manner as may be provided by law, other arguments for and against the measure,—

which proposed amendment was approved by the General Court and in a joint session of the two branches held July 8, 1941, received 201 votes in the affirmative and 2 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 12, 1943, received 214 votes in the affirmative and 5 in the negative,—be approved?

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Yes	224	212	245	681
No	28	21	29	78
Blanks	200	258	218	676

QUESTION NO. 2

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Shall an amendment to the constitution to provide that the General Court may prescribe the terms and conditions under which pardons of offences which are felonies may be granted which is further described as follows:—

This article of amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts annuls Article VIII of section 1 of chapter II of Part the Second of the Constitution, which vested the Gov-

ernor, by and with the advice of the Council, with the full and unrestricted power of pardoning offences of which a person is convicted, except such as persons may be convicted of before the Senate by an impeachment of the House, and adopts a new Article VIII in place thereof.

This new Article VIII vests the pardoning power in the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council, but provides further that if the offence to be pardoned is a felony the Legislature shall have power to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which a pardon may be granted.

The new Article VIII contains the same provision as the old with relation to the ineffectiveness of pardons granted before a conviction,—

which proposed amendment was approved by the General Court and in a joint session of the two branches held July 8, 1941, received 199 votes in the affirmative and 1 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 12, 1943, received 198 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative,— be approved?

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Yes	153	150	173	476
No	122	105	117	344
Blanks	177	236	202	615

QUESTION NO. 3

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Shall an amendment to the constitution restoring Annual Sessions of the General Court and an Annual Budget which is further described as follows:—

This amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts annuls Article LXXII of the Amendments which provided for biennial sessions of the Legislature and a biennial budget, and makes effective those earlier provisions of the Con-

stitution and its Amendments which were annulled or affected by said Article LXXII,—

which proposed amendment was approved by the General Court and in a joint session of the two branches held July 8, 1941, received 172 votes in the affirmative and 38 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 12, 1943, received 188 votes in the affirmative and 52 in the negative,—be approved?

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Yes	104	138	133	375
No	178	134	167	479
Blanks	170	219	192	581

QUESTION NO. 4

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Shall an amendment to the constitution providing for Absent Voting by Qualified Voters who by Reason of Physical Disability are unable to vote in Person which is further described as follows:—

This amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts annuls Article XLV of the Amendments to the Constitution which related to absentee voting and adopts in its place a new Article XLV which authorizes the Legislature to provide for voting, in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question submitted at an election, by qualified voters of the Commonwealth who at the time of such an election are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or are unable by reason of physical disability to cast their votes in person,—

which proposed amendment was approved by the General Court and in a joint session of the two branches held July 8, 1941, received 171 votes in the affirmative and 30 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 27, 1943, received 184 votes in the affirmative and 61 in the negative,—be approved?

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Yes	249	229	243	721
No	33	39	46	118
Blanks	170	223	203	596

QUESTION NO. 5

LAW SUBMITTED UPON REFERENDUM AFTER PASSAGE

Shall a law described as follows:—This law amends chapter 271 of the General Laws by striking out section 22A, as previously amended, and inserting in place thereof a new section 22A, which provides the conducting or promoting a game of whist or bridge in connection with which prizes are offered to be won by chance, or allowing such a game to be conducted or promoted, shall not authorize the prosecution, arrest or conviction of any person for such acts under chapter 271 of the General Laws, which deals with crimes against public policy, if the entire proceeds of the charges for admission to such game are donated solely to charitable, civic, educational, fraternal or religious purposes. This new section does not contain, as did the section now stricken out, provisions authorizing the licensing and conducting of the game of beano,—

which section was approved by both branches of the General Court, by vote not recorded,—be approved?

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Yes	185	161	215	561
No	75	96	71	242
Blanks	192	234	206	632

To obtain a full expression of opinion, voters should vote on all three of the following questions:—

(a) If a voter desires to permit the sale in this city (or town) of any and all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on and off the premises where sold, he will vote "YES" on all three questions.

(b) If he desires to permit the sale herein of wines and malt beverages only to be drunk on and off the premises where sold, he will vote "NO" on question one, "YES" on question two and "NO" on question three.

(c) If he desires to permit the sale herein of all alcoholic beverages but only in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises where sold, he will vote "NO" on questions one and two and "YES" on question three.

(d) If he desires to permit the sale herein of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on and off the premises where sold and in addition other alcoholic beverages but only in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises where sold, he will vote "NO" on question one and "YES" on questions two and three.

(e) If he desires to prohibit the sale herein of any and all alcoholic beverages whether to be drunk on or off the premises where sold, he will vote "NO" on all three questions.

1. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Yes	144	183	158	485
No	238	211	251	700
Blanks	70	97	83	250

2. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Yes	159	197	168	524
No	217	184	227	628
Blanks	76	110	97	283

3. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Yes	182	217	212	611
No	202	173	199	574
Blanks	68	101	81	250

RECOUNT HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1944

Attorney-General

Clarence A. Barnes	1092
Frances E. Kelley	279
Fred E. Oelcher	3
Howard B. Rand	0
Blanks	61
Total	1435

JAMES B. COUGHLIN,
WILLIAM B. FEELEY,
JAMES B. WILSON,
HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Registrars of Voters of Acton.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

An appropriation of \$650 was made for this work last year. This money was for emergency work, such as, removing dead and broken limbs and removing dangerous trees.

The hurricane this last year has left the trees in very bad condition. We have taken out a number of trees in the last two years and should have some new replacements.

I therefore recommend that an appropriation of \$1000

be made for the care of the shade trees, such as, trimming and removing dangerous trees and a sum of \$250 for the replacement of new trees throughout the town.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. KNIGHT,

Tree Warden.

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

An appropriation of \$1200 was made for the moth work last year.

The cost of spraying material was about \$500, the labor and running expense of the sprayer and truck was \$650. This money was used for spraying through the town once for pest control, and a second spray for pest control and elm leaf beetle through part of the town.

I therefore recommend that an appropriation of \$1500 be made for the suppression of gypsy moth and elm leaf beetle and for other work that should be done.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. KNIGHT,

Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is the report of your Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1944.

I examined 314 weighing and measuring devices of

which 311 were sealed and 2 not sealed and 1 condemned.

Fees collected \$63.32.

The Bureau of Standards again loaned their standard equipment for measuring tanks.

I found the merchants very co-operative and anxious to have their measuring devices accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL E. ANDERSON,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE — 1944

Due to a shortage of manpower in the County Extension office a general report is given rather than a detailed report as has been done during previous years.

The Extension Service during 1944 turned over all its facilities to the war effort in the production and conservation of food and other factors necessary to help win the war. The County Trustees, Town Directors and local leaders gave freely of their time in spite of the fact that most of them were fully occupied with other duties.

Under agriculture most of the time was spent in co-operation with Selective Service Boards in furnishing information relative to registrants employed on farms. This probably was the most important job of the year as the food production program could not continue unless the key men on our farms were retained.

Farm labor is probably the next important item, with the local director cooperating with the school system in helping to make available all the boys and girls within the town and any other available people to help meet the extreme labor shortage on farms. The County office was instrumental in finding some outside available help and

especially during the harvest season various types of help were obtained to harvest the crop.

General assistance was given in all production problems in order that the maximum amount of food could be produced.

Homemakers were assisted, especially in the conservation and preservation of food, a better understanding of wise use of ration points and food that had to be purchased along with greater use of home-grown foods. Good nutrition for the family was especially stressed in order that the health of the family could be maintained under war conditions. Clothing renovation and construction, refinishing and upholstering furniture were all projects emphasized to help the homemaker carry on more efficiently under war conditions.

With Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work, it was difficult here to carry on due to lack of available local volunteer leaders. Much credit, however, should go to the leaders who gave all their available time to help our boys and girls carry on with their various projects. The club members of your town were part of the 1,700,000 in the United States who helped 4-H earn the recognition of having made the largest contribution in the war effort of any of the youth organizations of the nation. Food Production, Food Preservation and Homemaking were the clubs given the greatest emphasis during the year.

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Director.

REPORT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

During the year 1944 there were two accidents in the highway department, both injuries were of a minor nature and the insurance company took care of them promptly and satisfactorily.

HOWARD L. JONES,
Compensation Agent.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT — 1944

Accessions—Number of volumes in the Library January 1, 1944, 21,870. Increase by purchase, 252. Increase by gift, 115. Total increase, 367. Withdrawn from circulation, 321. Total number of volumes in Library, January 1, 1945, 21,916.

Circulation—Number of days Library was opened, 102 days.

Number of volumes circulated, 7,419.

Largest daily circulation, 159; December 2.

Smallest daily circulation, 15; December 20.

Daily average circulation, 73 plus.

Received from Library fines and magazines sold and paid to Town Treasurer, \$75.19.

Gifts of books have been received from the following sources: U. S. Government, 1; State of Massachusetts, 8; General Electric Co., 1; Seventh Day Adventists, 1; Auto Council, 1; The Rosicrucians, 1; Heinz Products Co., 1; Proctor & Gamble Co., 1; Kalamazoo Co., 1; a graduate of Yale University, 1; Mildred Pope Moore, 43; Mrs. Day, 16; Mrs. Roy S. Whitcomb, 11; Mr. Roy S. Whitcomb, 2;

J. A. S. Kimball, 7; W. H. Slayton, 3; Anon, 4; William W. Smith, 2; Mrs. Howard Jones, 1; R. W. Robbins, 1; Paul Bellamy, 1; M. E. Davis, 1; E. H. Washburn, 1; Ralph W. Piper, 1; Alden Flagg, 1; Mrs. Burton Harvey, 1; M. G. Sayethe, 1; Theodore Lowden, 1. Total, 115.

This year Miss Mary H. Lothrop has become the Assistant Librarian.

ARTHUR F. DAVIS,
Librarian.

1944

Non-Fiction

Adams, J. Q.—Parties in the United States	32A214p
Adams, S. H.—Incredible Era, Life and Times of Warren Gamiebiel Harding	922H263a
Ahern, E.—The way we wash our clothes	64A285w
Allman, N. F.—Shanghai lawyer	915.1A444s
Angell, N.—Let the people know	17A583L
Anon—Into the second century with Proctor and Gamble	33A100i
Baker, A. L.—Seventh-day Adventists	28B167s
Ballou, R. O. (Ed.)—The Viking portable Bible	22B193v
Bancroft, G.—The flight of the Least Petrel	917.2B213f
Beard, C. A. & M. R.—The Beard Basic His- tory of the United States	973B368b
Beck, H. C.—Fare to Midlands — forgotten towns of Central New Jersey	917.3B393f
Bowen, C. D.—Yankee from Olympus, Justice Holmes and his family	922H7521bo
Brooks, V. W.—The opinions of Oliver Allston	81B8731o
Brownell, W. L.—Horse and Buggy Philosopher	81B882h
Brucker, P. F.—The future of Industrial Man	33B888f
Burnett W. (Ed.)—This is my best	80B964t
Burroughs, H. E.—Boys in men's shoes	36B972b
Cairns, H., Tate A. and Van Doren M.— Invitation to learning	80C136i
Carlson, J. R.—Under cover	940.4C278u
Clapesattle, H. B.—The Doctors Mayo	921M473s

Coatsworth E.—Country neighborhood	81C652c
Cobb, I. S.—Exit laughing (Auto Biog.)	922C6531c
Coe, D.—Road to Alaska	35C672r
Coe, G. A.—What ails our youth	37C672w
Conger, E. M.—American tanks and tank destroyers	62C789a
Copeland L. (Ed.) Popular quotations for all uses	80C782p
Cot P.—Triumph of treason	940.4C843t
Crane, C. E.—Winter in Vermont	917.3C891w
Cross, W. L.—Connecticut Yankee, an auto- biography	922C951c
Cunningham, E. W.—The kid next door	940.4C973k
Davis, M. E.—Industrial life insurance in the U. S.	36D263i
Dawson, M. M.—The ethics of Confucius	18D272e
DeChambrun, R.—I saw France fall	940.4D293i
Denham, A. F.—20 years progress in com- mercial motor vehicles	62D393t
Deutsch, B.—Walt Whitman, builder for America	922W615d
Eaton, W. E. (Ed.)—Wakefield, Massachu- setts, a history, 1644-1944	974.5E14w
Elliott, C. N.—Conservation of American resources	33E46c
Elting, M. and Weaver R.—Battles, how they are won	908E51b
Fairchild, D.—Garden islands of the Great East	910F165g
Fenton, C. L. and M. K.—The land we live on	55F342l
Ferris, H. (Ed.)—Loves, enchantment, story poems and ballads	82F3942
Fifield, R. H. and Parecy, G. E. — Geopolitics in principle and practice	32F469g
Fortesque W.—Trampled lilies	940.4F738t
Fowler, G.—Good-night sweet prince	922B275f
Gibran, K.—The prophet	89G463p

Giles N.—Punch in Susie, a woman's war factory diary	940.4G472p
Gilman, W.—Our hidden front	940.4G487o
Ginzberg, E.—Grass on the slag heaps, the story of the Welsh miners	914.2G492g
Girdler, T. M.—Bootstraps—Life of Tom M. Girdler	922G524g
Golenpaul, D. (Ed.)—Information, please, Game Book	79G625i
Gordin, A.—Communism unmasked	33G661c
Griffin, A. F.—Freedoms American style	32G851f
Grove's, E. R.—Personality and social adjustment	17G884p
Guedalla, P.—Mr. Churchill	924C5631g
Hamilton, E. N.—Bible names	22H217b
Hammond, J. W.—A magician of science	922S823h
Hay, T. R. and Werner, M. R.—The admir- able trumpeter	922W686h
Hedin, S.—The wandering lake	915.8H454w
Heindel, M.—The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception	36H468r
Helion, J.—They shall not have me	940.4H475t
Hindus, M.—Mother Russia	914.7H662m
Hogner, D. C.—Summer roads to Gaspé	917.1H714s
Holmes, F. L.—Abraham Lincoln traveled this way	917.3H749a
Holmes, F. L.—George Washington traveled this way	917.3H749g
Hubbard, W. L. (Ed.)—American history and encyclopedia of music, 11 vols.	78H876a
Irwin, D.—Alone across the top of the world	919.8I72a
	919.8I72a
Johnston, E.—America Unlimited	33J72a
Johnson, O.—Bride in the Solomons	919.3J681b
Kimball, F. T. and Allen, A. W.—How to feel better and look it	61K49h
Landon, M.—Anna and the King of Siam	919.1L259a
Lasser, J. K.—Your corporation tax, 1944	33L347yo
Lasser, J. K.—Your income tax, 1944	33L347y

Latane, J. H. and Wainhouse, D. W.—A history of American foreign policy	973L351h
Leigh, W. R.—Frontiers of enchantment, one artist's adventures in Africa	916.7L528f
Leugyel, E.—Siberia	915.7L566s
Liddell and Scotts—An intermediate Greek-English Lexicon, 7th Ed.	48L712i
Lilienthal, D. E.—T. V. A. democracy on the march	62L728d
Loucks, W. N. and Hoot, J. W.—Comparative economic systems	33L886c
Loveridge, A. — Many happy days I've squandered	59L896m
MacArthur, D.—MacArthur on war	35M116m
MacCormac, J.—America and world mastery	940.4M131a
MacCreagh, G.—White waters and black	918M132w
Martin, D.—I know Tunisia	916.1M379i
Mead, J. M.—Tell the folks back home	940.4M479t
Miller, C.—Cannibal caravan	919.1M647c
Miller, F. T.—Eisenhower, man and soldier	922E36m
Morehouse, W.—George M. Cohan, prince of the American theatre	922C678m
Mottram, R. H. — Trader's dream (British East India Co.)	33M921t
Needham, J. G.—Introducing insects	59N374i
Opdyke, G. H.—Art and nature appreciation	70O61a
Osterweis, R. G.—Rebecca Gratz, a study in charm	922G773o
Ottley, R.—New world a-comin'inside black America	32O89n
Peppard, H. M.—Sight without glasses	61P424s
Perry, J.—Democracy begins at home	32P463d
Pierce, A.—Quick freezing	64P615q
Pinchon, E.—Zapata the unconquerable	972P647z
Poore, H. R.—Arts place in education	70P823a
Powers, J. R.—The Power's girls	70P888p
Pyle, E.—Here is your war	940.4P996h

Reynolds, Q.—The curtain rises	940.4R464c
Riess, C.—The Nazis go underground	940.4R559n
River, W. L.—Malta story	940.4R621m
Robbins, R. W.—Thru the covered bridge	81R635t
Robinson, T.—In and out	81R665i
Rolo, C. J.—Wingate's raiders	940.4R744w
Russell, W.—Berlin embassy	940.4R968b
Rutherford, R.—Boys grown tall, a story of American initiative	921R975b
Santayana, G.—Persons and places	922S231s
Sawyer, C. W.—Our rifles	62S371o
Shackelford, S.—Electric eel calling	918S524e
Shiber, E.—Paris underground	940.4S555p
Smallzried, E. A. and Roberts, D. J. — More than you promise, a business at work in society	33S635m
Spencer, C.—Made in China	70S845m
Stettinius, E. R., Jr.—Lend-lease weapon for victory	940.4S841l
Sun Fo—China looks forward	951S957c
Swank, E. S.—The story of food preservation	64S972s
Taylor, H. J.—Time runs out	910T242t
Van Ess, J.—Meet the Arab	915.3V249m
Vaughan, J.—The music of wild flowers	82V367m
Waldeck, T. J.—Treks across the veldt	59W1581t
Walker, S.—Dewey, an American of this century	922D5191w
Wells, S.—The time for decision	940.4W456t
Willkie, W.—An American program	32W737a
Wonsetler, J. C.—Yanks in action	35W872y
Wood, L. N.—Raymond L. Ditmars, his excit- ing career with reptiles, animals and insects	922D615w
Woodbury, D. O.—Elihu Thomson, beloved scientist	922T469w
Woollcott, A.—Letters of Alexander Woollcott	922W9131w
Ziff, W. B.—The coming battle of Germany	940.4Z68c

Fiction

Adams, S. H.—Canal town	A217ca
Albrand, M.—Endure no longer	A341e
Alexander, E.—This is my son	A3751t
Allen, H.—Bedford village	A426b
Allis, M.—All in good time	A438a
Baldwin, F.—Change of heart	B181ch
Baldwin, F.—He married a doctor	B181hf
Barber, W. A. and Schabelitz, R. F.—Murder draws a line	B234m
Bates, H. E.—Fair stood the wind for France	B3292f
Baum, V.—Hotel Berlin, '43	B347h
Bayer, O. W.—Paper chase	B357p
Bemelmans, L.—Now I lay me down to sleep	B455n
Berlin, E.—Land I have chosen	B515l
Billings, B.—Ruttlers three	B598ru
Bowen, R. S.—Dave Dawson at Casablanca	B7861dm
Boyle, K.—Avalanche	B792a
Brennan, F. H.—Memo to a firing squad	B838m
Brinig, M.—The gambler takes a wife	B858g
Brooks, A. T.—The girl next door	B872g
Buck, P.—China sky	B9221c
Buck, P.—His proud heart	B9221hi
Burroughs, E. R.—The beasts of Tarzan	B972b
Burroughs, E. R.—The return of Tarzan	B972r
Carneiro, C. J.—The bonfire	C289b
Carroll, G. H.—Dunnybrook	C3191d
Chase, V.—The American house	C4874A
Cobb, I. S.—A laugh a day keeps the doctor away	C6535l
Cohen, O. R.—Romance in crimson	C678r
Cole, J.—The valley of revenge	C689v
Colin, G. C.—Rio red	C696ri
Collier, T.—Fire in the sky	C699f
Collins, M.—The sister o' Cain	C7121s
Connington, J. J.—Jack-in-the-box	C752j
Coxe, G. A.—The lady is afraid	C8791l

Cozzens, J. G.—Men and brethren	C882m
Cronin, A. J.—The green years	C9471g
Cunningham, E.—Spiderweb trail	C9732s
Curry, T.—The Norman trail	C976m
Dane, C.—The arrogant history of White Ben	D179a
Davenport, M.—The valley of decision	D247v
De la Roche, M.—The building of Jalna	D339b
De Madariaga, S.—The heart of Jade	D369h
Doner, M. F.—O distant star!	D681o
Dowdey, C.—Tide water	D745t
DuJardin, R.—Brief glory	D876b
Eberhart, M. G.—The dark garden	E161d
Eberhart, M. G.—Hasty wedding	E161h
Emerson, L. W.—Bronco blood	E53b
Ernenwein, L.—Boss of Panamint	E71b
Evans, A. R.—All in a twilight	E922a
Fast, H.—Freedom road	F251f
Fenisong, R.—Murder needs a name	F333m
Fenton, F.—A place in the sun	F342p
Ferrell, E. and M.—Full of thy riches	F3681f
Fitt, M.—Blues to Christobel	F547c
Foley, M. (Ed.)—Best American short stories for 1944	F663b
Foster, E.—Dirigo Point	F754d
Fox, N. A.—The stanipede kid	F793st
Franken, R. —Claudia	F829c
Freeman, H. W.—His own place	F855h
Fuller, T.—Reunion with murder	F968r
Gabriel, G. W.—I got a country	G118i
Gaither, F.—The red cock crows	G137r
Gardner, E. S.—The case of the sleepwalker's niece	G2261cb
Gardner, E. S.—The case of the black-eyed blonde	G2261cd
Geer, N. N.—Way o' the West	G298w
Gibbons, R.—Bright is the morning	G4411b
Gibbons, S.—The bachelor	G4412b

Giles, G. E.—Target for murder	G467t
Golding, L.—No news from Helen	G619n
Goudge, E.—Green Dolphin Street	G688g
Greig, M.—Heart appeal	G824h
Greig, M.—No retreat from love	G824no
Grey, Z.—Wilderness trek	G842wk
Hall, J. N.—Lost island	H177l
Hancock, L. A.—Pat Whitney, R. N.	H234p
Hancock, L. A.—Student nurse	H234s
Harrison, C. W.—Puncher Pards	H3181p
Hathaway, K. B.—The little locksmith	H363l
Hersey, J.—A bell for Adano	H572b
Hilton, J.—Good-bye Mr. Chips	H656g
Hopson, W.—Sunset ranch	H799s
Houston, M. B.—Pilgrim in Manhattan	H843p
Jameson, S.—Cloudless May	J31cl
Jennings, J.—The shadow and the glory	J54s
Kelland, C. B.—Heart on her sleeve	K293h
Keyes, F. P.—Senator Marlowe's daughter	K44s
Kossak, Z.—Blessed are the meek	K86b
Langley, D.—Wait for Mrs. Willard	L283w
Larrimore, L.—Bugles in her heart	L334b
Lee, C.—Cornish tales	L477c
Lindberg, A. M.—The steep ascent	L742s
Linscott, E. L.—The silver link	L759s
Lofts, N.—The golden fleece	L829g
Lomax, B.—Horse thief creek	L839h
Lomax, B.—Rusty guns	L839r
Longstreet, S.—The land I live	L857l
McNeile, H. C.—Bulldog Drummond strikes back	M1591b
Mann, E. B.—The blue-eyed kid	M281b
Mann, E. B.—Stampede	M281s
Mann, F.—Joseph the provider	M282j
Mapother, E. R.—Dark Darragh	M297d
Marsh, N.—Vintage murder	M366v
Marshall, M. M.—Arms and the girl	M369a
Mason G. and Carroll R.—Mexican gallop	M399m

Maugham, S.—The narrow corner	M449n
Millar, M.—The devil loves me	M645d
Millar M.—Wall of eyes	M645w
Mitchell, G.—When I last died	M6811w
Moore, I.—It's time to say good-bye	M8222i
Neumann, R.—Mr. Tibbs passes through	N492m
Nichols, M.—Portrait of love	N621p
O'Brien, K.—The last of Summer	O132l
Perkins, J. R.—The emperor's physician	P449e
Popkin, Z.—No crime for a lady	P828n
Queen, E.—The Chinese orange mystery	Q3c
Queen, E.—The tragedy of Z	Q3z
Raine, W. M.—Border Breed	R155bp
Reisner, M.—Shadows on the wall	R375s
Rice, J.—The windmill circle	R497w
Rider, B.—Circle C moves in	R5441c
Ripperger, H.—112 Elm street	R593o
Robertson, E. A.—The signpost	R6491s
Ronald, J.—The night is ending	R768n
Seeley, M.—The crying sisters	S452c
Seeley, M.—The listening house	S452l
Ston, A.—Dragonwyck	S495d
Shaun, R.—Twenty-four hours' leave	S524t
Siodmak, C. —Donovan's brain	S618d
Smith, B.—A tree grows in Brooklyn	S643t
Snow, C. H.—Horsethief Pass	S674h
Spinelli, M.—From jungle roots	S757f
Standish, R.—Bonin	S784b
Standish, R.—The three Bamboos	S784t
Stevenson, D. E.—The two Mrs. Abbotts	S8471t
Stuart, J.—Taps for Private Tussie	S931t
Sweeney, S. L.—Harvest of the wind	S974h
Tennant, K.—Time enough later	T285t
Thirkell, A.—Growing up	T473g
Walker, M.—Winter wheat	W182w
Wallis, J. H.—A niece of Abraham Pein	W2141n
Wallis, R. S.—Too many bones	W2142t

Wells, A. M.—A talent for murder	W4531t
Wentworth, P.—The clock strikes XII	W479c
Westland, L.—Prentiss of the Box 8	W529p
Whipple, D.—They were sisters	W5741t
Wilde, P.—Tinsley's bones	W671t
Winslow, A. G.—The dwelling place	W778d
Woods, W.—The edge of darkness	W898e
Wren, P. C.—Two feet from Heaven	W945t

Juvenile

Anon—Honk the moose	JA100h
Best, H.—Garram the hunter	JB561g
Clark, M.—The poppy seed cakes	JC594p
Clymer, E.—Here comes Pete	JC649h
Cormack, M.—Road to down under	JC811r
Cory, D.—White otter	JC833w
Crane, A.—Gloucester Joe	JC891g
Daugherty, J.—Abraham Lincoln	J9D736d
Davis, L. R.—Stand fast and reply	JD262s
Dean, G. M.—Riders of the Gabilans	JD281r
DeAngeli, M.—Yonie Wondermose	JD283y
DesChesnez, E. M.—Lady Green Satin and her maid Rosette	JD441l
Dickens, C.—The life of our Lord	J9D548l
Disney, W.—Pinocchio, Disney's version	JD612p
Ditmar's, R. L.—Twenty little pets from everywhere	JD615t
Dixon, F. W.—The clue of the broken blade	JD621c
Dixon, F. W.—The sinister sign post	JD621si
Donaldson, L.—Pictured geography, Columbia	JD675c
Donaldson, L.—Pictured geography, Costa Rica	JD675co
Donaldson, L.—Pictured geography, El Salvador	JD675e
Donaldson, L.—Pictured geography, Guiana	JD675g
Donaldson, L.—Pictured geography, Nicaragua	JD675n
Donaldson, L.—Pictured geography, New Foundland	JD675ne
Donaldson, L.—Pictured geography, Paraguay	JD675p
Donaldson, L.—Pictured geography, Uruguay	JD675u

Farmer, W.—Bicycle commandos	JF234b
Foster, E.—Gigi, merry-go-round horse	JF7542g
Garrett, E.—Angelo, the naughty one	JG2391a
Graham, S. and Lipscomb, G. D.—Dr. George Washington Carver scientists	J9G741d
Harper, W.—Uncle Sam's story book	JH2951u
Haning, A.—The living forest	JH487l
Hildreth, G.—I know a secret	JH644i
Hoke, H.—Shep and doctor	JH721s
Hull, K. and Whitlock, P.—The far-distant Oxus	JH9131f
Ilin, M. and Segal, E.—A ring and a riddle	JI28r
Knight, R. A.—Valiant comrades	JK712v
Kristoffersen, E.—A bee in her bonnet	JK931b
Lansing, M. F.—Great moments in exploration	JL294g
Lasher, M. H.—Loggins chance	JL344l
Lawson, R.—Rabbit Hill	JL425r
Leaf, M.—Fair play	JL434f
Lent, H. B.—Full steam ahead	JL574f
Lippincott, J. W.—Wilderness champion	JL765w
MacDonald, G. and Weisard, L.—Red light, green light	JM1351r
Meigs, C.—The willow whistle	JM5121w
Molloy, A.—Decky's secret	JM726d
Montgomery, R.—Big Brownie	JM788b
Moon, G.—Nadita	JM818n
Nolan, J. C.—Treason at the point	JN788t
Norton, A.—The sword is drawn	JN882s
Nura—All aboard we are off	JN974a
Olds, H. D.—Jill, movie-maker	JO442j
Payne, E.—Katy no-pocket	JP346k
Perkins, L. F.—Eskimo twins	JP449e
Perkins, L. F.—The Italian twins	JP449i
Philbrook, E.—Far from Marlborough street	JP545f
Poston, M. L.—A girl without a country	JP857g
Sasse, A. B.—Terry Carvel's theatre caravan	JS252t
Smith, E. B.—So long ago	JS646s
Sperry, A.—Storm canvas	JS751st

Stark, S.—Chaucho, a boy and his pig in Peru	JS795c
Shapiro, I.—Yankee thunder, the legendary life of Davy Crockett	J9C938s
Urmston, M.—Plain clothes Patricia	JU77p
Ward, M. B.—Boat children of Canton	JW261b
Worth, K.—New worlds for Josie	JW932n
Wright, A. R.—Summer at Buckthorn	JW947s

REPORT OF THE POST-WAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

We feel, as of our report to the town at the last town meeting, that we are prepared to present several projects for the emergency employment, if and when it should be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. JENKS, Chairman.
FOREST E. BEAN, Sr.
RICHARD F. DEANE, Secretary

ASSESSORS' REPORT — 1944

Tax assessed as follows:

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$2,593,275.00
Land	631,330.00
Personal	446,300.00
	<hr/> \$3,670,905.00

Valuation January 1, 1943 ...	3,624,905.00
Increase in valuation	46,000.00
Rate of Taxation, \$29.40	
Real Estate	\$ 94,803.52
Personal Estate	13,121.40
Polls	1,514.00
	<hr/> \$ 109,438.92

Amount of money raised:

State Tax	\$ 7,986.00
State Parks Tax	134.37
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	710.69
County Tax	5,108.21
Tuberculosis Hospital Assess- ment	1,286.80
Town Grant	88,903.95
Overlay	5,308.90
	<hr/> \$ 109,438.92

Added Assessments

Polls	20.00
Excise — 1943	57.55

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Number of Vehicles Assessed, 1066

Total Value of Motor Vehicles and Trailers	\$ 135,860.00
Rate of Excise, \$35.85	
Total Excise	\$ 4,655.25

ALBERT P. DURKEE,
CARL FLINT,
JAMES W. BAKER,
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1944:

Cows	287
Bulls	16
Young Cattle	59
Goats	39
Swine	64
Barns Inspected	51
Dog-bites	12
Rabies	0

I find cattle and stables in very good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST E. ALLSOPP,

Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1944

INVESTMENTS

Charlestown Five Cents Sav- ings Bank	\$ 465.54	
U. S. War Bonds	3,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,465.54

RECEIPTS

Charlestown Five Cents Sav- ings Bank	\$ 6.98	
U. S. War Bonds	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 81.98

EXPENDITURES

Harlan E. Tuttle, Treasurer of the Evangelical Church in Acton	\$ 61.98	
Town of Acton for care of Goodnow lot in Woodlawn Cemetery	20.00	
	—————\$	81.98
CHARLES E. SMITH, RALPH P. MARBLE, HORACE F. TUTTLE, Trustees of Goodnow Fund.		

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

December 31, 1944.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Health of Acton herewith submits the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1944.

We are pleased to report that the general health of the town is good and that during the year there have been few complaints of nuisances or conditions considered detrimental to public health.

With the shortage of doctors everywhere, due to the war, we have been most fortunate to have living within our town several dependable registered nurses who have been of great help and, being on call night and day, have materially assisted the doctors and the public nurse.

Lillian F. Taylor, R. N., the public health and school nurse, experienced a very busy year and on occasion has required the assistance of Verne Farquhar, R. N., a most willing and co-operative worker, going out day or night on call as needed. Lydia Rhodes, R. N., and Hazel Roche,

R. N., also have assisted the board many times during the year and for all of these services we are greatly appreciative.

While the nurse is on call twenty-four hours a day, yet her regular hours are 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., six days a week, Monday through Saturday, and although she frequently makes calls outside of those hours she should not be called or expected to attend outside of those hours except in the case of an emergency. Furthermore, each call made by the nurse should be paid for at the rate of fifty cents each visit. A few of our townspeople either have been unaware of this or overlooked it.

This year our appropriation was \$3,800.00 which, together with a balance of a special war emergency appropriation carry over of \$429.00 gave us \$4,229.00. We have spent \$4,137.92 of our appropriation. This was due to the extra nursing service furnished the town, the demands for which we hope will not be as great this year. We have been most willing to provide this service, demanded by the townspeople, to which they are entitled, and we could see no way of cutting down this expense.

We recommend, therefore, an appropriation of \$4,000.00 for the use of this board for the year 1945.

Report of contagious diseases Jan. 1, 1944 to Dec. 31, 1944.

Chicken Pox	10
Whooping Cough	10
Scarlet Fever	5
German Measles	4
Mumps	4
Measles	67
Meningococcus Meningitis	1
Gonorrhea	2
Syphilis	1
Dog Bites	12

Deaths:

Burial Permits issued	33
Residents of Acton	30
Residents who died in other towns	11
Non-resident burials	9
Total number of deaths recorded	39

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. CLARK, M. D., Chairman.

L. H. CRAM, Secretary.

R. R. FORD.

REPORT OF TOWN NURSE

January 3, 1945.

To the Board of Health, Acton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1944. Nursing services as follows:

Bedside Nursing	2134
Child Welfare Calls	193
Pre-natal	200
Post-natal	125
Home Confinements	2
Night Calls	235

Over 350 hours of night nursing was done in the past year—all emergency calls.

Eight patients have been X-rayed at the Middlesex County Sanitarium.

Six more were taken to the Emerson Hospital for X-rays and Blood Tests.

It has been a busy year but there has been excellent co-operation from the other nurses. The central telephone exchange has been most helpful in their co-operation in transferring calls to the nurse on duty and getting help in emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN F. TAYLOR, R. N.

REPORT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the report of the Welfare Board for 1944.

The appropriation for Welfare for 1944 was \$4,800, out of which \$4,365.99 was spent, leaving a balance of \$434.01. During 1944, we aided four cases in Acton and ten cases out of town with Acton settlements. At the present time, we are aiding eleven welfare cases, only four of which are in Acton. For the out-of-town bills during the past year, we paid \$2,849.89 while \$1,516.10 was paid for the four cases in Acton. In anticipation of bills which will be incurred during 1945, we find it necessary to ask for an appropriation of \$4,000, which is a decrease of \$800.00 from last year.

For Aid to Dependent Children, we are asking an appropriation of \$2,000. This is an increase over last year of \$25.00. During 1944, we aided four families having a total of nine dependent children. Our present case load is two families with a total of four children.

We are asking for \$20,000 for Old Age Assistance for the coming year. This is an increase of \$2,000 over last year's appropriation. On January 1, 1944, our case load

was 64 and on December 31, 1944, it was 65. Although the number of recipients remained practically the same as in 1943, administration and social services to these individuals have been increased by legislation, thereby necessitating an increase in our demands for next year. During the entire year, 74 persons were aided under this category of assistance, 58 of these had Acton settlements, 10 with out-of-town settlements and 6 which were unsettled.

Your Board, desiring to give you an analysis of the expenditures for 1944, submit the following:

TEMPORARY AID

Paid to State on Acton settled cases ..	\$	915.00	
Paid to other places on Acton settled cases		1,934.89	
Paid to cases in Acton		1,516.10	
Total expended			\$4,365.99
Estimated reimbursement from other towns			650.21
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Approximate net cost to Town of Acton			\$3,715.78

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Total expended			\$	2,487.70
Estimated Federal Grants	\$	547.50		
Estimated State reimbursement	\$	829.24		1,376.74
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Approximate net cost to Town of Acton				\$1,110.96

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Total expended			\$	31,656.20
Estimated Federal Grants	\$	13,843.64		
Estimated State reimbursement		11,933.58		
Estimated reimbursement from other places		687.83		26,465.05
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Approximate net cost to Town

of Acton \$5,191.15

Appropriations recommended for 1945:

Old Age Assistance \$20,000.00

Temporary Aid 4,000.00

Aid to Dependent Children 2,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN J. INESON,

MARY M. LAFFIN,

WALTER B. STEVENS,

Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1945.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the following report of arrests made in Acton during the year ending December 31, 1944.

Drunkenness	10
Operating under the Influence of liquor	6
Assault and battery	4
Breaking and entering and larceny	1
Larceny	3
Causing injury to Real Estate	1
Indecent exposure	1
Keeping unlicensed dogs	3
Arson	1
Conspiracy	2
Lewd and lascivious	2
Fish and game violations	2
Selling mortgaged property	1
Violation of Executive Order (Speeding)	20
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle	1

Operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment ..	1
Operating a motor vehicle without a license	4
Operating so as to endanger	2
Operating after revocation of license	1
Failing to slow at intersection	1
Violation of the law of the road	1

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FOLEY,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the Fire Department for the year 1944.

The total number of alarms responded to are as follows:

Building	16
Automobile	3
Chimney	3
False	1
Emergency	2
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	25

I would like to recommend painting the West Acton fire house next year and also replacing a small rear door which is beyond repair.

One new box was added this year, No. 32, and located near the Ark Manufacturing Company on Central street. I would like to have three more added to the system next year.

Our equipment is in reasonably good condition and should be all right for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,

Chief of Fire Department.

FOREST WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Your Forest Warden submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1944:

Total number of brush fires responded to . . . 61

I would like to recommend at this time, if it is possible, to include the forest fire appropriation with the fire department. This would save a lot of red tape and also I think that the danger of running over would be a great deal less.

The equipment is in fairly good condition, considering a few additions and changes to be made this year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,

Forest Warden.

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Acton Town Forest Committee herewith submits the following report for the year 1944.

Without funds we have been unable to extend our

acreage which now totals 71 acres. The great shortage of labor makes it impractical for us to commence needed thinning. We feel also that such work should be delayed until there is a real unemployment problem or until there is an acute fuel shortage.

The Town Forest area in Massachusetts is increasing rapidly. We recommend an appropriation of \$500.00 annually.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. JENKS, Chairman
JAMES J. KNIGHT
CLARENCE FROST, Secretary.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS FOR 1944

We herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

The account of the town treasurer shows that during the past year the cemetery department has received and paid into the treasury the sum of \$1,603.31 itemized as follows:

Annual care of lots	\$ 649.06
Burials	513.00
Lowering device	78.00
Sales of lots	205.00
Foundations	100.25
Miscellaneous	58.00
Total	\$1,603.31

We ask that these receipts may be considered in making your appropriation for the current year.

We recommend an appropriation for the care of the cemeteries the sum of \$2,800.00 and also the special appro-

priation of \$400.00 for the purchase of a small compressor for this department.

There has been added to the perpetual care account the past year, in new accounts the sum of \$2,425.00.

An itemized account of the expenditures for the care of the cemeteries will be found in the report of the town accountant.

We have prepared a schedule of the receipts and expenditures on account of each lot under perpetual care, in books kept for that purpose, which may be examined by persons interested.

HARRY E. HOLT,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
RAY L. HARRIS,
Cemetery Commissioners.

REPORT OF ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

The trustees have signed orders to the treasurer for three hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$375.00) for the year ending December 31, 1944.

These orders have been given after investigating and finding each person to be needy and worthy of help from this trust fund.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO E. WHITCOMB,
CLARA L. SAWYER,
GRACE O. LEARS,

Trustees of the Elizabeth White Fund.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

1942 TOWN TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 6,895.51
Interest	435.40
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	\$ 7,330.91
Paid Treasurer	\$ 7,264.17
Abated	65.32
Tax Titles	1.42
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	\$ 7,330.91

1943 TOWN TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	\$18,315.86
Interest	307.65
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	\$18,623.51
Paid Treasurer	\$12,993.22
Tax Titles	1.42
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	5,628.87
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	\$18,623.51

1944 TOWN TAX

Committed	\$94,803.52
Interest	37.88
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	\$94,841.40
Paid Treasurer	\$78,259.22
Abated	918.75
Tax Titles	48.51
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	15,614.92
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	\$94,841.40

1942 PERSONAL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 461.15
Interest	31.65
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	\$ 492.80
Paid Treasurer	\$ 481.44
Abated	11.36
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	\$ 492.80

1943 PERSONAL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 1,050.96
Interest	16.80
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	\$ 1,067.76
Paid Treasurer	\$ 597.73
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	470.03
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	\$ 1,067.76

1944 PERSONAL TAX

Committed	\$13,121.40
Interest	4.92
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	\$13,126.32
Paid Treasurer	\$12,045.37
Abated	47.04
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	1,033.91
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	\$13,126.32

1942 POLL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 54.00
Interest	2.70
Cost	6.30
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	\$ 63.00

Paid Treasurer	\$ 55.00
Abated	8.00
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	\$ 63.00
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1943 POLL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 184.00
Interest	2.74
Cost	14.70
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	\$ 201.44
Paid Treasurer	\$ 129.44
Abated	46.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	26.00
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	\$ 201.44

1944 POLL TAX

Committed	\$ 1,926.00
Interest04
Cost	80.05
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	\$ 1,934.09
Paid Treasurer	\$ 1,204.09
Abated	586.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	144.00
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	\$ 1,934.09

1942 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 417.71
Interest	25.67
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	\$ 443.38
Paid Treasurer	\$ 342.06
Abated	101.32
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	\$ 443.38

1943 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 879.73
Committed Jan. 6, 1944	57.55
Interest	27.95

\$ 965.23

Paid Treasurer	\$ 790.35
Abated	57.33
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1944	117.55

\$ 965.23

1944 EXCISE TAX

Committed	\$ 4,655.25
Interest	1.39

\$ 4,656.64

Paid Treasurer	\$ 4,082.87
Abated	11.58
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	562.19

\$ 4,656.64

SUMMARY OF COLLECTOR'S REPORT JANUARY 1, 1945

Total Debits

1942 Town Tax	\$ 7,330.91
1943 Town Tax	18,623.51
1944 Town Tax	94,841.40
1942 Personal Tax	492.80
1943 Personal Tax	1,067.76
1944 Personal Tax	13,126.32
1942 Poll Tax	63.00
1943 Poll Tax	201.44

1944 Poll Tax	1,934.09
1942 Excise Tax	443.38
1943 Excise Tax	965.23
1944 Excise Tax	4,656.64
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	\$143,746.48

Total Credits

Cash Paid Treasurer	\$118,244.96
Abated	1,852.70
Tax Titles	51.35
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	23,597.47
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	\$143,746.48

CARRIE M. DURKEE,
Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1944.

Number of dogs disposed of in accordance with law..	42
Number of dogs reclaimed by owners in accordance with law	5
Number of calls answered for dog nuisance	73
Warnings to delinquent owners to get licenses	140
Summoned to court	1
Appropriation	\$200.00
42 dogs at \$3.00 for six days	126.00
42 dogs disposed of	42.00
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Total	\$168.00

Gentlemen:

I recommend the appropriation for the year 1945 be \$250.00.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR FRASER,

Dog Officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1943

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Acton, Massachusetts:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1944.

Cash Balance, January 1, 1944 \$ 83,575.71

Receipts for 1944:

Received from State Treasurer:

Public Safety	\$ 845.79
Old Age Assistance, Federal .	14,289.28
Highways	6,164.87
Aid Dependent Children, Fed.	596.01
Tuition	1,386.39
Transportation	110.00
Old Age Assistance	11,799.82
Highway Fund, Chapter 569 .	6,906.60
Income Tax	15,842.00
Corporation Tax	16,876.60
Meal Tax	780.05
Reimbursement Loss of Taxes.	580.77
Aid Dependent Children ...	872.88
Vocational Education	39.06
Highways, Chapter 90	1,999.54
State Aid	327.50

\$ 79,417.16

Received from Country Treasurer:

Dog Account, Refund	\$	698.17	
Highways		1,999.54	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,697.71

Received from Carrie M. Durkee,
Collector of Taxes:

Poll, 1942	\$	46.00	
Personal, 1942		473.86	
Excise, 1942		292.32	
Town, 1942		6,828.77	
Poll, 1943		112.00	
Personal, 1943		580.93	
Excise, 1943		762.40	
Town, 1943		12,685.57	
Poll, 1944		996.00	
Personal, 1944		12,040.45	
Excise, 1944		4,281.48	
Town, 1944		78,221.34	
Interest		896.54	
Costs		27.30	
		<hr/>	\$118,244.96

Miscellaneous Receipts:

Harlan E. Tuttle, Dog Licenses	\$	934.40	
Horace F. Tuttle, Lots sold			
Woodlawn		155.00	
Wm. J. Gallagher, Sale Junk		10.00	
Town of Watertown, Old Age			
Assistance		220.33	
Arthur F. Davis, Library Fines		75.19	
Concord District Court, Fines		317.55	
Elwin, Hollowell, Care of Lots		261.06	
Selectmen, Licenses		26.00	
Fred Kennedy, Care Lots ...		388.00	
Fred Kennedy, Burials		513.00	
Fred Kennedy, Lowering			
Device		78.00	
Fred Kennedy, Miscellaneous .		58.00	

Fred Kennedy, Sale of Lots, Mt. Hope	50.00
Fred Kennedy, Foundations ..	100.25
Board of Health, Licenses ...	41.00
City of Cambridge, Old Age Assistance	10.00
Town of Acton, Mach. Acct. ..	796.25
Martha Greenwood, Burial Expense	100.00
Board of Health, Nurse Services	238.00
W. L. Marshall, Jr., Forest Fire	17.77
Town of Boxboro, Welfare ...	59.85
Boston and Maine R. R., Forest Fires	18.60
Harry Holt, Grange Rent	49.50
Harry Holt, Rent of Hall	491.00
Mathew Freeman, Machin- ery Account	3.00
School Dept. Telephone Book Fines	23.39
Town of Westford, Schools ...	334.31
Town of Concord, Welfare ...	540.75
Town of Boxboro, Schools	3,127.92
Town of Littleton, Old Age Assistance	49.41
Town of Wrentham, Old Age Assistance	156.31
Town of Marblehead, Old Age Assistance	63.43
Carl E. Anderson, Sealer Weights	63.32
City of Lynn, Old Age Assist. .	8.30
Michael Enneguess, Land Low Value	25.00
City of Boston, Schools	150.89
Town of Swansea, Old Age Assistance	23.33

City of Lowell, Old Age Assist.	27.41	
Chief of Police, Revolver Permits	5.00	
Chief of Police, Bicycle Regis.	13.25	
City of Boston, Welfare	107.83	
Town of Concord, Land Tax ..	25.12	
Selectmen, Maps	1.00	
Old Colony R. R. Tax Title ...	62.49	
Old Colony R. R. Interest	11.04	
Horace F. Tuttle, Library Books	1.40	
William Hellowell, Advertise- ment	1.28	
Dewey Boatman, Advertise- ment	1.28	
James E. Kinsley, Advertise- ment	1.28	
Lester Sebastian, Advertise- ment	1.28	
James E. Barsi, Advertisement	1.28	
Theron A. Lowden, Prem- Refund	104.92	
Town of Ashland, Old Age Assistance	134.37	
Carrie M. Durkee, Liens	41.00	
Acton High School, Ind. Arts Shop	22.87	
Transfer from Blanchard Fd. .	25.00	
Transfer from Cemetery Fd. .	1,509.22	
Transfer from Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	2,417.98	
Transfer from Memorial Li- brary Fund	200.00	
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		\$ 14,294.41
Total Cash Receipts		\$214,654.24
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1944		83,575.71
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Sum Total for 1944		\$298,229.95

Payments in 1944:

Selectmen's Orders	\$199,809.58	
State Taxes	4,838.06	
	<hr/>	\$204,647.64
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1944 ...		\$93,582.31

OUTSTANDING NOTES AND BONDS

High School Bond, due 1945	\$ 1,000.00
High School Addition Notes, 164 to 176, due 1945 to 1957	13,000.00
Departmental Equipment Loan, notes 181 and 182 due 1945-1946	2,000.00

SUSAN NOYES HOSMER FUND

Balance January 1, 1944:

Principal Fund	\$ 82,238.95	
Unexpended Balance	1,968.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 84,207.80
Received Interest for 1944 ...		1,655.30
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		\$ 85,863.10

Balance December 31, 1944:

Bank Balances in Sav. Bank ..	\$ 83,445.12
Transfer to Town Account ...	2,417.98
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	\$ 85,863.10

CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1944:

Principal Fund	\$ 46,312.21	
Unexpended Balance	2,045.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 48,357.91
Received for Perpetual Care for 1944		2,425.00
Received Interest for 1944 ...		886.00
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		\$ 51,668.91

Balance December 31, 1944:	
Bank Balances in Sav. Banks .	\$ 50,159.69
Transfer to Town Account ...	1,509.22
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	\$ 51,668.91

ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

Balance January 1, 1944:	
Principal Fund	\$ 25,000.00
Unexpended Balance	2,228.22
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	\$ 27,228.22
Received Interest for 1944 ...	562.53
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	\$ 27,790.75

Balance December 31, 1944:	
Bank Balances in Sav. Banks .	\$ 27,415.75
Paid Trustees Orders for 1944	375.00
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	\$ 27,790.75

WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1944:	
Principal Fund	\$ 14,262.47
Unexpended Balance	527.56
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	\$ 14,790.03
Received Bequest to Fund ...	1,500.00
Received Interest for 1944 ...	286.76
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	\$ 16,576.79

Balance December 31, 1944:	
Bank Balances in Savings Bank	\$ 16,376.79
Transfer to Town Account ...	200.00
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	\$ 16,576.79

GEORGIA E. WHITNEY FUND

Balance January 1, 1944:	
Principal Fund	\$ 14,073.70
Unexpended Balance	210.62
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	\$ 14,284.32
Received Interest for 1944	293.58
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	\$ 14,577.90
Balance December 31, 1944:	
Bank Balances in Sav. Banks.	\$ 14,452.90
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1944	125.00
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	\$ 14,577.90

LUKE BLANCHARD CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1944:	
Balance	\$ 1,506.14
Received Interest for 1944 ...	22.86
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	\$ 1,529.00
Balance December 31, 1944:	
Bank Balances in Sav. Banks	\$ 1,504.00
Transfer to Town Account ...	25.00
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	\$ 1,529.00

CEMETERY SURPLUS

Balance January 1, 1944:	
Balance	\$ 1,065.07
Received Interest for 1944 ...	18.71
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	\$ 1,083.78
Balance December 31, 1944:	
Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 1,083.78

WEST ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1944:

Balance	\$	647.49
Received Interest for 1944 ...		13.00
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	\$	660.49

Balance December 31, 1944:

Balance in Savings Bank	\$	660.49
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ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1944:

Principal Fund	\$	2,565.00	
Unexpended Balance		208.09	
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	\$		2,773.09
Received Donation to Fund ..			50.00
Company Salaries			230.00
Received Interest for 1944 ..			56.66
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	\$		3,109.75

Balance December 31, 1944:

Balance in Savings Bank	\$	3,109.75
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ACTON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND

Principal Fund	\$	1,500.00
Received Interest for 1944 ...		9.38
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	\$	1,509.38

Balance December 31, 1944:

Balance in Savings Bank	\$	1,509.38
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Respectfully submitted

WM. HENRY SOAR,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your Committtees on Finance respectfully submits the following recommendations for the ensuing year:

Particular attention is called to the report of the Finance Committee for 1945.

While the Finance Committee has carefully considered the amounts and other articles asked for by the several departments and in each case has made its recommendation thereon, they have particularly given attention to the manner in which this report is presented.

The reasons for the changes and itemization is in accordance with a plan followed by the many towns and recommended by the Association of Town Finance Committees. Its aim and value being the authentic comparison with other towns according to valuation, population and per capita tax.

In the last year an unfortunate circumstance occurred, due to misunderstanding, in the installation of fluorescent lighting.

Due to dissatisfaction of the product furnished the School Committee incurred an overdraft to install fluorescent lighting in four elementary school rooms instead of completing the installation of fluorescent lighting in all the elementary school rooms. This fact has made it necessary for the Selectmen to take certain actions in order to keep within the law.

The Finance Committee recommends their action and a "yes" vote on all articles pertaining thereto, that the matter may be satisfactorily straightened, out and further recommend the \$1,550.00 to finish the job as recommended by the School Committee and originally voted by the Town.

We do, however, call attention of all departments to the difficulties that have arisen, that future votes may be carefully read and the amount voted, not exceeded.

The Finance Committee would call attention to the budget as set forth under Education.

While the Finance Committee is in accord and recommend all that the School Committee asks, they feel that it is a mistake to include in the Educational budget such items as fluorescent lighting in the elementary schools and waterproofing north wall in high school, because such special items make too great a difference in the comparison of year by year.

The Finance Committee believe that such items as would materially make the general expenses of education fluctuate should be put under special articles in the town warrant as is the custom of every other department of the town and other towns.

Therefore be it moved and

Voted: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for several specific purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the town, as follows:

Item	Average Expended 1941-1943	Expended 1944	General Government, 4.9% of total	Recommended 1945
1	\$ 28.00	\$ 25.00	Moderator	\$ 25.00
2	10.00	10.00	Finance or Advisory Committee: Expenses	200.00
3	1,737.00	1,881.77	Selectmen:	
4	97.00	91.31	Salaries and Wages Expenses	1,800.00 100.00
5	536.00	650.00	Town Accountant:	
6	30.00	39.42	Salaries and Wages Expenses	650.00 40.00
7	540.00	650.00	Treasurer:	
8	199.00	196.31	Salaries and Wages Expenses	650.00 200.00
9	1,000.00	1,000.00	Collector:	
10	290.00	170.85	Salaries and Wages Expenses	1,250.00 200.00
11	880.00	1,458.33	Assessors:	
12	80.00	46.98	Salaries and Wages Expenses	1,500.00 75.00
13	188.00	200.00	Town Clerk: Salaries and Wages	350.00

14	223.00	152.07	Expenses	150.00
15	404.00	709.00	Elections and Registration:	
16	203.00	393.80	Salaries and Wages	550.00
17			Expenses	300.00
18	752.00	876.54	Total General Government	\$ 8,040.00
19	3,768.00	1,970.17	Building and Grounds, 2.2% of total	
			Salaries and Wages	\$ 900.00
			Expenses	2,800.00
			Article No. 11	\$1,000.00
20			Total Building and Grounds	\$ 3,700.00
			Protection of Persons and Property 9% of total	
			Police:	
21		1,800.00	Chief's Salaries	\$ 1,800.00
22		300.00	Chief's War Bonus	300.00
23		409.70	Special Officers	400.00
24		823.51	Expenses including Cruiser	850.00
			Fire Department:	
25	1,418.00	1,892.80	Salaries and Wages	1,900.00
26	5,009.00	1,425.22	Expenses	1,100.00
27	3,444.00	3,453.00	Fire Hydrants (Rental)	3,453.00
28		971.20	Forest Fires	1,200.00
			Article No. 13	\$1,000.00

29	200.00	200.00	Sealer of Weights and Measures:
30	16.00	15.55	Salaries and Wages Expenses
31	601.00	552.36	Moth Department:
32	549.00	642.16	Salaries and Wages Expenses
33	556.00	977.69	Tree Warden:
34	146.00	423.04	Salaries and Wages Expenses
35			Town Forest Expense, Article No. 8
36	196.00	168.00	Dog Officer Expense, Article No. 6
			Article No. 20 \$250.00

37			Total Protection Persons and Property
		\$ 14,468.00	

			Health and Sanitation: 3.6% of total
			Health:
38	2,944.00	3,652.16	Salaries and Wages
39	324.00	531.29	Expenses
40	125.00	125.00	Inspection of Animals
			Sanitation:
41	1,068.42	1,630.88	Garbage Disposal, Article 19
			Total Health and Sanitation
		\$ 5,975.00	

Highways: 11.9% of total		
	Salaries and Wages	\$ 900.00
	Expenses	550.00
	Chapter 81	7,125.00
	Chapter 90	2,500.00
	Snow Removal	5,000.00
	Street Lighting	3,525.00
	Article No. 10	\$550.00
	Article No. 21	\$600.00

Total Highways

\$ 19,600.00

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Charities, 16.2% of total		
General Relief		
	Salaries and Wages	\$ 625.00
	Expenses	4,000.00
	Administration Expense, Article No. 12	100.00
	Old Age Assistance	
	Expenses	20,000.00
	Aid to Dependent Children	
	Expenses	2,000.00
	Total Charities	<hr/> \$ 26,725.00

55		Veterans Benefits: 6.10% of total		
56	50.00	Salaries and Wages	\$	50.00
	322.23	Expenses		1,000.00
57		Total Veterans' Benefits	\$	1,050.00
58	58,997.78	Education: 42.2% of total		
59		Superintendent's, Principals' and		
60		Teachers' Salaries and Janitor Wages	\$	50,020.00
61		Fuel		2,180.00
62		Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund		217.50
		General and Miscellaneous Expense		
		and Supplies, including new Text Books		5,100.00
63		Transportation		5,000.00
64		Vocational Education		100.00
65		Janitors' Supplies and Power		1,400.00
66		General Repairs and Outlays		1,950.00
67		Waterproofing North Wall High School		1,600.00
		Article No. 15	\$77.80	
		Article No. 16	\$1,550.00	
		Libraries:		
68	678.00	Salaries and Wages		700.00
69	957.00	Expenses		800.00
70	200.00	Books		200.00
71		Total Education	\$	69,267.50

72	209.00	79.56	Recreation: 1/10 % of total Playgrounds: Expense	\$ 200.00
73			Total Recreation Unclassified: 2.2 % of total	\$ 200.00
74	218.00	224.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.00
75	362.00	343.00	Town Reports	400.00
76	256.00	235.49	Memorial Day, Article No. 4	250.00
77	689.00	600.00	Workman's Compensation	600.00
78	332.00	358.94	Committee on Public Safety	400.00
79	265.00	229.25	Surety Bonds	280.00
80	571.00	604.50	Rationing Board	1,300.00
81			Total Unclassified	\$ 3,730.00
82	2,836.00	2,049.80	Cemeteries: 1.7 % of total	
83	730.00	393.37	Salaries and Wages Expenses Article No. 22	\$ 2,400.00 400.00 \$400.00
84			Total Cemeteries	\$ 2,800.00
85		3,000.00	Maturing Debt and Interest: 2 % of total Maturing Debt	\$ 3,000.00

86	320.00	Interest, Maturing Debt	250.75
87	22.50	Interest, Temporary Loans	
88		Total Debt and Interest	<u>\$ 3,250.75</u>
89		Total Budget Recommendations	\$158,806.25
90		Total recommended, Special Articles	<u>5,427.80</u>
91		Total, all recommendations	<u>\$164,234.05</u>
92		Add estimated State Charges, County Taxes, T. B. Hospital assessment, assessor's estimate of overlay, and all other amounts required by law to be raised	<u>11,821.97</u>
93		Grand total, Recommendations and Estimates	<u>\$176,056.02</u>
94		Deductions to compute estimated tax rate; estimated receipts, income corporation, gasoline taxes, from State, motor vehicle excise and other local receipts from other sources than taxation	\$61,431.51
95		Poll Taxes	<u>1,926.00</u>
			<u>\$ 63,357.51</u>

Estimated balance to be raised by a levy
on local real estate and tangible per-
sonal property, other than Motor
Vehicles

\$112,698.51

Estimated tax rate based upon above
recommendations, previous year's val-
uations

\$33.50

Articles 9:

Recommend \$200.00 for Post War Public Works Committee.

Article 10:

Recommend \$550.00 for repairing the town roller.

Article 11:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$1,000.00 for repairs Highway Department buildings.

Article 13:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to purchase new hose and three (3) fire alarm boxes and installed or act anything thereon. Recommend \$1,000.00.

Articles 15:

Recommend \$77.80 to pay balance due on fluorescent lighting.

Article 16:

Recommended the appropriation of \$1,550.00 to complete fluorescent lighting in the elementary schools.

Article 20:

Recommend the appropriation of \$250.00 to replacement of shade trees.

Article 21:

Recommend the sum of \$600.00 be appropriated to purchase of a power tractor.

Article 22:

Recommend appropriation for \$400.00 for a compressor for the Cemetery Department.

Article 30:

Recommend \$500.00.

Article 32:

Recommend the sum of \$3,000.00 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus account for the Reserve Fund.

The sum of \$1,809.87 was transferred in 1944 from the Reserve Fund to the following accounts:

Tree Warden	\$750.73	
Building and Grounds	446.71	
Aid to Dependent Children ..	175.00	
Fire Department	325.00	
General Government	112.43	
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		\$1,809.87

Precinct 1—Alden C. Flagg, W. Stuart Allen.

Precinct 2—Mrs. Pauline Bursaw, William T. Merriam.

Precinct 3—Albert W. Locke, Porter Jenks.

Finance Committee.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Acton:

I submit my report, concerning the work of the Highway Department, since my appointment April 17, 1944.

The regular maintainance work of cleaning, cutting brush and patching was carried on.

Eight miles of road received surface treatment. In addition, one and one-half miles of Main Street, was surfaced with a mixed in place treatment. This consists of mixing trap rock pea stone with asphalt, forming a durable surface for heavy traffic.

Three unfinished projects were completed:

Esterbrook Road—widened, gravelled and surface treated.

Prospect Street—seal coat.

Arlington Street—construction of a catch basin and the laying of seventy-five feet of pipe connecting three catch basins. It is hoped that the drainage system laid out some time ago will be completed in the near future.

Nashoba Road, at narrow end near Newtown Road, was widened, gravelled and surface treated.

During the summer a granite capstone broke at Cole's Brook, Hosmer Street. This was replaced with concrete and wheel guard. Due to narrowness of this road and direction in which the brook was following the edge of it for one hundred twenty-five feet, leaving stone wall holding road at this point in dangerous condition, an easement was obtained from the abutters and the course of the brook was changed.

Gravel was put on the sides of Concord Road at Ice Pond, in order to retain the stone wall which was falling out and in a dangerous situation. This project will be completed in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL C. BERRY,
Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF WAR PRICE AND RATIONING BOARD

To the Citizens of Acton:

As your War Price and Rationing Board enters upon the fourth year of its duties on January 2, 1945, a brief report of its activities for the year 1944 is in order.

As a whole, the work has been largely stabilized, and of a routine nature; typewriters, bicycles and some types of stoves were taken from the rationed list of commodities, but much more emphasis was, and, we are told, will increasingly be placed upon Price Control in an earnest effort to stop inflation, disastrous as it would be to all of us. Burdened, as the office always is, by the volume of reports required, in addition to our regular detail work, it became necessary for us to employ as additional aid, Miss Marjory

J. McAdoo, whose duties are almost entirely those of price checking and Price Control. She has well supplemented our efficient and courteous staff of Miss Sonya Farley and Mrs. Beatrice Parsons.

Probably the most vexatious problem we have had to face the past year has been the shortage of tire quotas with which to fill your needs. For many months we have been some weeks behind in our efforts to keep your tire requirements satisfied, and we want to thank you sincerely for your patience in dealing with us in a problem out of our control. Mr. Allen G. Moody and Mr. Ralph W. Piper of the Tire Panel, have done a fine job and deserve a great deal of credit for their earnest and successful endeavors to solve the difficult problems involved.

Once again Mr. Howard Billings and Miss Clara L. Sawyer have given freely of their time and their intelligent ability in solving those problems of Fuel Oils and Food respectively, which were presented to them. Our volunteer workers, Mrs. Florence Fannon and Mrs. Constance Smith, have been extremely helpful, and we appreciate greatly the use of their needed and conscientious ability.

It is the sincere hope of the Board and its staff that the year 1945 will see at least some lightening of the rationing restrictions as a consequence of the hoped-for end of the grim European War. As always, we want you to know that the Board and its staff are ready and willing to assist you in any problems of rationing over which it has jurisdiction, and which perplex you. Please do not hesitate to bring them to us, and we will do our utmost to help you in every way possible. We have sincerely appreciated your patriotic co-operation with us over the past three trying war years, and thank you deeply for it.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

WEBSTER S. BLANCHARD,

Chairman.

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Acton:

I herewith submit my annual report covering the financial transactions of the Town for the year ended December 31, 1944.

Included is a detailed statement of the expenditures of each department, a tabulated record showing the appropriations, transfers, and balances as of December 31, 1944.

The last payment for the high school loan of \$1,000.00 will be paid this year together with payments of \$1,000.00 each on the high school addition notes and fire equipment notes. These payments will bring the total bonded debt of the Town to \$13,000 at the end of 1945.

You will note by the balance sheet the excellent financial condition of the town as the year closed with surplus revenue of \$94,297.95.

The amount due from the state and county for highways under Chapters 81 and 90 amounting to \$3,499.30 will be credited to the Surplus Account as soon as payment is received.

I have audited the books of the Collector of Taxes and verified the cash on hand. I have audited the books of the Treasurer and verified the several trust funds in his custody. I have verified the funds in the custody of trustees.

HOWARD L. JONES,
Town Accountant.

Appropriations and Expenditures January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

General Government	A	\$	8,600.00			
	T	\$	112.42	\$	8,712.42	
Surety Bonds	A		280.00		229.25	50.75
Buildings and Grounds	A		2,400.00			
	T		446.71		2,846.71	
Police	A		3,350.00		3,333.21	16.79
Fire Department	A		3,000.00			
	T		325.00		3,318.02	6.98
Forest Fires	A		1,200.00		971.20	228.80
Painting Fire House and New Doors	A		375.00		336.99	38.01
Hydrant Service	A		3,453.00		3,453.00	
Moth Department	A		1,200.00		1,194.52	5.48
Repairing Sprayer	A		150.00		140.67	9.33
Tree Warden	A		650.00			
	T		750.73		1,400.73	
Health	A		3,800.00			
	B		429.00		4,131.92	97.08
Garbage Disposal	A		1,800.00		1,630.88	169.12
Highways Village	A		1,200.00		1,200.00	
Highways, Chapter 81	A		7,125.00			
	G		7,125.00		14,250.00	
Highways, Chapter 90 Maintenance	A		2,000.00			
"	G		4,000.00		5,998.61	1.39

Highways, Concord Rd. Chapter 90	A	1,000.00			
"	G	2,000.00	840.79		2,159.21
Snow Removal	A	4,000.00	3,998.84		1.16
Machinery Account	B	750.00			
	T	300.00	973.16		76.84
Street Lighting	A	3,400.00	3,350.40		49.60
Public Welfare	A	4,800.00	4,365.99		434.01
Public Welfare Administration	A	100.00	97.02		2.98
Soldiers' Benefits	A	3,000.00	322.23		2,677.77
Aid to Dependent Children	A	1,800.00			
	T	175.00			
	G	596.01	2,504.21		66.80
Old Age Assistance	A	18,000.00			
	G	14,289.28	32,117.09		172.19
Education	A	59,000.00	58,997.78		2.22
Part Time Janitor, High School	A	75.00	71.28		3.72
New Grates for High School	A	400.00	325.00		75.00
Power Metal Working Machines	A	1,500.00	1,467.36		32.64
Repairing High School Roof	A	1,500.00	1,490.00		10.00
Fluorescent Lighting	A	1,500.00	159.80		1,340.20
Mass. Teachers' Retirement Board	A	277.88	234.67		43.21
Library Maintenance	A	1,500.00	1,204.70		295.30
Library Books	A	200.00			
	T	200.00	373.79		26.21

Cemeteries	A	2,800.00	2,443.17	356.83
Cemeteries—Perpetual Care	T	1,509.22	1,279.18	230.04
Cemeteries—Blanchard Fund	T	25.00	25.00	
Cemeteries—Hosmer Fund	T	2,417.98	2,417.98	
Workman's Compensation Insurance	A	600.00	600.00	141.06
Committee on Public Safety	A	500.00	358.94	14.51
Memorial Day	A	250.00	235.49	32.00
Expense of Dog Officer	A	200.00	168.00	20.44
Jones Community Field	A	100.00	79.56	345.50
Rationing Board	A	950.00	604.50	500.00
Post War Public Works Com.	A	500.00		
Buildings and Grounds of the Acton Agric. Holding Co.	A	6,000.00		6,000.00
Unclassified	A	300.00	224.00	76.00
1943 Bills	A	393.15	388.65	4.50
Interest on Notes and Bonds	A	320.00	320.00	
Interest Highway Loan	A	22.50	22.50	
Bonded Indebtedness	A	3,000.00	3,000.00	
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		\$194,022.88	\$178,209.21	\$15,813.67

No appropriation Accounts:

State Taxes	\$	7,986.00
State Parks		134.37
State Auditing		710.69

County Tax	5,108.21
County Hospital Assessments	1,286.80
Refunds—Taxes	101.70
Tailings Account	169.47
Cemetery Land Fund Purchase of a lot	10.00
Highway Loan	10,000.00
County Dog Licenses	930.80
Refund—Town of Boxboro overpayment	.39
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	\$204,647.64

County Tax
County Hospital Assessments
Refunds—Taxes
Tailings Account
Cemetery Land Fund Purchase of a lot
Highway Loan
County Dog Licenses
Refund—Town of Boxboro overpayment

A Appropriations
B Balances
G Grants
T Transfers

Cash Receipts and Departmental Payments

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

Treasurer's Itemized Report..	\$214,654.24	
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1944 ...	83,575.71	
	<hr/>	\$298,229.95

PAYMENTS

General Government

Selectmen

Salaries and Wages

Selectmen	\$ 691.67	
Clerks	1,190.10	
Postage	29.50	
Stationery, printing ...	27.33	
Town Reports ..	343.00	
Middlesex County		
Selectmen Assoc.,		
dues	9.00	
Assn. of Town Fi-		
nance Com. dues	10.00	
Advertising	6.38	
Repairing Type-		
writer	8.00	
Sundry Expense ..	1.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,316.08

Collector of Taxes:

Salary	\$ 1,000.00	
Postage	96.12	
Books and Sta-		
tionery	18.28	
Printing	48.66	
Tax Title Expense	7.79	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,170.85

Treasurer:

Salary	\$	650.00	
Postage		121.04	
Telephone		12.35	
Printing		16.51	
Books, stationery		30.40	
Safety Deposit			
box		6.00	
Sundry expense ..		10.01	
		<hr/>	\$ 846.31

Assessors:

Salaries	\$	1,458.33	
Ass'n. of Mass. As-			
sessors, dues ..		6.00	
Notices of trans-			
fers		11.40	
Attending meet-			
ings		20.00	
Stationery, print-			
ing		9.58	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,505.31

Accountant:

Salary	\$	650.00	
Books, stationery		32.42	
Postage		5.70	
Telephone		1.30	
		<hr/>	\$ 689.42

Town Clerk:

Salary	\$	200.00	
Postage		20.00	
Telephone		18.00	
Attending Ass'n.			
meetings and			
dues		20.00	

Recording vital statistics	80.25	
Stationery, printing	13.82	
	<hr/>	\$ 352.07

Elections and Registrations:

Salaries:

Registrars	\$ 350.00	
Election officers	324.00	
Recount	35.00	
Moderator	25.00	
Printing, stationery	204.12	
Posting warrants.	20.00	
Lunches for election officers ..	46.32	
Rent	44.00	
Street booklets .	70.17	
Sundry expense .	9.19	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,127.80

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary, transportation	\$ 200.00	
Books, seals, advertising	15.55	
	<hr/>	\$ 215.55

Cattle Inspector:

Salary	\$ 125.00
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Soldiers' Relief Agent:

Salary	50.00
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Board of Health:

Salaries	50.00		
Postage, telephone	1.53		
	<hr/>	\$	51.53

Public Welfare:

Salaries	\$	262.50	\$ 8,712.42
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Bonds:

Collectors, treasurer's and Town Clerk's bonds ..			229.25
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Buildings and Grounds:

Wages:

Custodian	\$	624.00	
Labor on grounds and buildings		252.54	
Heat		583.92	
Light		271.74	
Telephone		53.36	
Repair W. Acton Fire House ...		22.00	
Repair town clock		65.00	
Repair boiler, West Fire House		156.73	
Planting trees and shrubs		29.00	
Building repairs, Town Hall		31.94	
Installing light lines		29.00	
Electrical work .		98.82	
Shingles, lumber, doors		511.36	
Flags		7.92	

Water	14.55	
Hose	15.06	
Wax	10.50	
Repair lawn mowers	17.25	
Sundry expense ...	52.02	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,846.71

Special Painting Fire
Houses and new
doors:

Wages	\$ 104.96	
Paint	13.45	
Doors	193.00	
Lumber	25.58	
	<hr/>	\$ 336.99

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department:

Salaries:

Chief	\$ 2,100.00
Other officers .	409.70
Telephone	118.71
Gas and oil	328.54
Auto Repairs ...	191.92
Radio service and parts	106.20
Insurance	14.25
Office supplies, postage	50.84
Batteries	4.80
Signs	3.75
Belt	4.50

\$ 3,333.21

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Annual	\$	458.75	
Fires		1,074.05	
Janitors		360.00	
Heat		393.00	
Light		127.39	
Telephone		87.32	
Gas and oil		77.57	
Repairing equip- ment		104.52	
New equipment .		385.19	
Chains		33.00	
Water		36.00	
Printing		36.78	
Oxygen		12.76	
Foamite charges		7.80	
Gloves		13.75	
Repairing		56.00	
Sundry Expense .		54.14	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,318.02

Forest Fires:

Wages for fires ...	\$	971.20
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Hydrants:

West and South

Water District

Rental	\$	3,200.00	
Town of Concord		253.00	3,453.00

Moth Department:

Wages:

Supt.	\$	318.00	
Labor		234.36	
Trucks		92.18	
Gas, oil		64.82	
Spraying material		459.71	
Sundry expenses		25.45	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,194.52

Tree Warden:

Wages:

Supt.	\$	569.10
Labor		408.59
Trucks		328.09
Rent for equip-		
ment		25.00
Tools		41.25
Sundry expenses.		28.70

\$ 1,400.73

Special Repairing Sprayer:

Labor and parts	\$	140.67
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Health and Sanitation

Board of Health:

Salaries and Wages:

Agent	\$	68.80
Labor at Town		
dump		693.20
Town nurse		1,750.16
Special nurses,		
includes trans-		
portation		960.00
Professional ser-		
vices clinic ...		130.00
Transportation,		
town nurse ...		350.00
Supplies town		
nurse		166.12
Sundry expense ...		13.64

\$ 4,131.92

Garbage Disposal:

Collection of garbage as per contract

tract	\$1,600.00
Advertising	10.88
Sundry expenses .	20.00

1,630.88

Dog Officer:

Keeping and destroying dogs .

168.00

Highways

Village:

Wages:

Supt.	\$ 274.55
Labor	483.25
Trucks	304.12
Gas and oil	23.70
Paint	20.01
Telephone	15.16
Kerosene	10.60
Tools	32.22
Sundry expense	23.79
Lumber, cement	12.60

\$ 1,200.00

Chapter 81:

Wages:

Supt.	\$ 1,228.15
Labor	3,398.86
Trucks	2,550.20
Rental of equipment	1,205.88
Broken stone	2,477.09
Patching material	347.94
Oil and tar	2,276.42
Rail posts	58.50
Cement	42.50
Lumber	398.62
Gravel	111.00
Culvert	131.32
Sundry expense .	23.52

\$14,250.00

Machinery Account:

New equipment		
and tools	\$	132.17
Cutting edges		187.79
Tires and tube ..		76.00
Repairs and parts		390.26
Fuel oil, kerosene		26.87
Lumber		11.42
Gas, oil		112.51
Paint		15.04
Penetrating oil ..		5.00
Sundry expense .		16.10
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	\$	973.16

Street Lighting:

Street lighting ..	\$	3,336.77
Installing light ..		13.63
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	\$	3,350.40

Charities

Public Welfare:

Temporary Aid:

Cash to individuals	\$	790.00
Provisions		69.46
Fuel		79.86
Light		6.68
Medical and hospital		545.10
Relief by other cities and towns		2,849.89
Professional services a/c outside aid		25.00
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	\$	4,365.99

Administration Account:

Books, forms, stationery	\$ 29.02
Filing cabinet . . .	30.00
Attending meetings	38.00

\$ 97.02

Old Age Assistance:

Cash Aid	\$17,143.66
Indirect payments	80.00
Aid by other cities and towns	604.15

\$17,827.81

U. S. Grant:

Cash Aid	\$13,828.39
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Administration:

Salary and expenses . . .	460.89	\$14,289.28	\$32,117.09
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Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash Aid	\$ 1,908.20	\$ 1,908.20
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U. S. Grant:

Cash Aid	579.50
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Administrative Account:

Salary and expenses	16.51	596.01	2,504.21
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Soldiers' Benefits:

Provisions	\$ 47.34
Fuel	69.14
Medicals and hospital	128.50
Transportation . .	30.25
Rent	47.00

\$ 322.23

Education:

Report of School
Committee

\$58,997.78

Special Appropriations:

part time janitor	\$ 71.28
New grates	325.00
Power metal work- ing machines .	1,467.36
Repairing high school roof ...	1,490.00
Fluorescent light- ing	159.80
Mass. Teachers' Retirement Bd.	234.67

Library

Maintenance:

Librarian	\$ 102.00
Asst. Librarian ..	204.00
Janitor	153.00
Heat	227.83
Light	51.17
Writing cards, bind- ing, etc.	22.90
Postage	1.91
Insurance	30.95
Water	12.00
Work on shade trees	27.80
Service pipe (elec- tricity)	12.90
Book plates	11.10
Sundry expense .	5.15
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	\$ 862.71

Branch Library:

Librarians	\$ 208.00
Lights	8.63
Transporting	
books	50.00
Fuel	53.76
Janitor	21.60

341.99 \$ 1,204.70
373.79

Library books ..

Cemeteries

Wages:

Supts.	\$ 1,425.90
Labor	623.90
Trucks	65.50
Water	36.95
Flowers, shrubs . . .	28.50
Insurance	16.00
Repairing mowers .	44.06
Cement	11.05
Loam	40.00
Fertilizer	43.20
Tools	20.81
Pipe and labor . . .	12.45
Paint	11.02
Gasoline	7.05
Postage, telephone	
stationery	23.94
Grass seed	7.68
Lumber	8.12
Lighting chapel . . .	9.75
Sundry expense . . .	7.29

\$ 2,443.17

Perpetual Care:

Wages:

Supts.	\$	679.95	
Labor		487.18	
Trucking		8.50	
Flowers		72.70	
Sundry expense .		30.85	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,279.18

Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund:

Care of lots	\$	25.00
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Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund:

Wages:

Supt.	\$	921.60	
Labor		513.36	
Trucking		189.23	
Loam		134.00	
Broken stone		58.93	
Tar		482.68	
Weed killer		58.48	
Flowers		26.80	
Sundry expense .		32.90	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,417.98

Rationing Board

Wages:

Clerks	\$	435.30	
Telephone		111.28	
Stationery		47.43	
Repairing typewriter		8.00	
Sundry items		2.49	
		<hr/>	\$ 604.50

Committee on Public Safety:

Wages:

Clerks	\$	301.28	
Telephone		22.16	
Bond, Fire Dept. ..		5.00	
Property shortages			
State Guard ..		30.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 358.94

Liability Insurance

Premium	<hr/>	600.00
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Jones Community Field

Wages:

Labor	\$	75.91	
Lumber		3.65	
		<hr/>	79.56

Memorial Day

Music	\$	125.00	
Flags		28.62	
Flowers, wreaths ..		70.15	
Refreshments		10.22	
Post cards		1.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 235.49

Unclassified

Robbery Insurance .	\$	75.00	
Legal and court expense		106.30	
Flags		25.95	
Printed cards		9.75	
Writing and execut- ing deed		7.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 224.00
1943 Bills			388.65

Notes and Bonds

High School bonds .	\$ 1,000.00	
High School addi- tional bond	1,000.00	
Fire truck note	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,000.00

Interest on Notes and Bonds

High School Bonds .	\$ 80.00	
High School addition	210.00	
Fire equipment notes	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 320.00
Interest on High- way Loans		22.50

No Appropriation Items

Agency:

State taxes	\$ 7,986.00	
State parks	134.37	
State auditing . . .	710.69	
County tax	5,108.21	
County hospital as- sessment	1,286.80	
	<hr/>	\$15,226.07

Refunds:

Motor vehicle ex- cise taxes	\$ 28.20	
Real estate	73.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 101.70
Tailings account ..		169.47
Cemetery land fund purchase of lot .		10.00
Highway loan		10,000.00
County dog licenses		930.80

Refund Town of Boxboro, over- payment .....	.39
Total Expenditures	\$204,647.64
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1944 ..	93,582.31
	<u>\$298,229.95</u>

Reserve Fund Transfers

General Government	\$ 112.42	
Building and Grounds	446.71	
Fire Department	325.00	
Tree Warden	750.73	
Aid to Dependent Children	175.00	
	<u>\$1,809.86</u>	
Unexpended Balance	190.14	
	<u></u>	\$ 2,000.00

Machinery Fund

Balance January 1, 1944	\$ 1,146.25	
Received from Rentals	799.25	
	<u></u>	\$ 1,945.50
Transferred to Rd. Mach. Acct.	1,050.00	
Balance December 31, 1944 ...	895.50	
	<u></u>	1,945.50

Cemetery Land Fund

Balance January 1, 1944	\$ 478.35	
Received from Sale of Lots	205.00	
	<u></u>	683.35
Paid Repurchase of Lots	\$ 10.00	
Balance December 31, 1944	673.35	
	<u></u>	683.35

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1944

Assets

Cash		\$ 93,582.31
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1943		
Polls	\$ 26.00	
Personal Property	470.03	
Real Estate	5,628.87	
		<hr/> 6,124.90
Levy of 1944		
Polls	\$ 144.00	
Personal Property	1,033.91	
Real Estate	15,614.92	
		<hr/> 16,792.83
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		
Levy of 1943	\$ 117.55	
Levy of 1944	562.19	
		<hr/> 679.74
Tax Judgment:		
Motor Vehicle Excise		502.62
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles	\$ 407.84	
Tax Title Possessions	73.28	
		<hr/> 481.12
Departmental:		
Public Welfare	\$ 275.00	
Old Age Assistance	175.25	
		<hr/> 450.25
State and County Aid to Highways:		
State	\$ 2,498.84	
County	1,000.46	
		<hr/> 3,499.30
		<hr/> \$122,113.07

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded Debt	\$ 16,000.00
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	\$ 16,000.00

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$199,717.65
In Custody of Trustees	3,465.54
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	\$203,183.19

Liabilities and Reserves

County Dog Licenses		\$	7.20
Premiums on Bonds			4.25
Old Age Assistance Recovery			361.21
Tailings Account			102.15
Cemetery Land Fund			673.35
Road Machinery Fund			895.50
Appropriation Balances:			
Road Machinery Account	\$	76.84	
Concord Road, Chapter 90		2,159.21	
Fluorescent Lighting		1,340.20	
Buildings and Grounds from Acton Agricultural Holding Co.		6,000.00	
			<hr/> 9,576.25
Trust Funds Income:			
Library Books	\$	26.21	
Cemetery Perpetual Care		230.04	
			<hr/> 256.25
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus			5,903.40
Overlays, Reserved for Abatements:			
Levy of 1943	\$	1,241.54	
Levy of 1944		3,683.61	
			<hr/> 4,925.15
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:			
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$	679.74	
Tax Title		481.12	
Departmental		450.25	
State and County Aid to Highways		3,499.30	
			<hr/> 5,110.41
Surplus Revenue			94,297.95
			<hr/> \$122,113.07

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Accounts:			
Fire Equipment Loan	\$	2,000.00	
High School Loan		1,000.00	
School House Addition Loan		13,000.00	
			<hr/> \$ 16,000.00

TRUST FUNDS

Elizabeth White Charity Fund	\$	27,415.75	
Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund		14,452.90	
Wilde Memorial Library Fund		16,376.79	
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund		3,109.75	
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund		660.49	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		50,159.69	
Cemetery Surplus Fund		1,083.78	
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund		1,504.00	
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund		83,445.12	
Charlotte Conant School Fund		1,509.38	
In Custody of Trustees:			
Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund		3,465.54	
			<hr/> \$203,183.19

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD L. JONES, Town Accountant

AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 5, 1944.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Mr. Arthur W. Lee, Chairman
Acton, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from August 22, 1943 to July 3, 1944, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from August 22, 1943, the date of the previous audit, to July 3, 1944, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked with the books of the town accountant and the treasurer.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the treasurer's books and with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town, while the pay-

ments were checked with the treasury warrants and with the books of the treasurer.

The appropriations as listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings, as well as the transfers from the reserve fund authorized by the finance committee, were checked to the town accountant's ledger. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the necessary adjusting entries were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on July 3, 1944. This balance sheet indicates that the town is in very good financial condition.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the warrants of the selectmen authorizing the disbursement of town funds. The cash balance on July 3, 1944, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records and the tax titles as listed were checked with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books and securities representing trust fund investments in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees were examined and listed. The income was proved, the disbursements were verified by comparison with the vouchers on file, and the transfers to the town were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The poll, property, and motor vehicle excise taxes outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerks' records of sporting and dog licenses issued were examined, the payments to the State being verified by comparison with the receipts on file and the payments to the town treasurer being compared with the treasurer's cash book.

The accounts of the public welfare, school, and cemetery departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and the town accountant's books.

It was noted that the health nurse keeps no record of visits and of fees collected, and it is recommended that such a record be kept in the future.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet referred to, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and the collector's cash, summaries of the taxes, tax title, and departmental accounts, together with tables showing the trust fund transactions.

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

Balance August 22, 1943	\$ 19,613.53	
Receipts:		
Aug. 22 to Dec. 31,		
1943	141,241.46	
	<u> </u>	\$160,854.99
Payments:		
Aug. 22 to Dec. 31,		
1943	77,279.28	
Balance Dec. 31, 1943.	83,575.71	
	<u> </u>	\$160,854.99
		<u> </u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 83,575.71	
Receipts Jan. 1 to		
July 3, 1944	57,192.77	
	<u> </u>	\$140,768.48
Payments:		
Jan. 1 to July 3		
1944	\$97,517.81	
Balance July 3, 1944:		
First Nat. Bank of		
Ayer	\$41,169.37	
Cash in office, ver-		
ified	2,081.30	
	<u> </u>	43,250.67
	<u> </u>	\$140,768.48

First National Bank of Ayer

Balance July 3, 1944,		
per statement		\$46,242.74
Balance July 3, 1944,		
per check register	\$ 41,169.37	
Outstanding checks		
July 3, 1944, per		
list	5,073.37	
	<hr/>	<u>\$46,242.74</u>

RECONCILIATION OF COLLECTOR'S CASH

Cash balances July 3, 1944, per schedules:

Levy of 1942:

Polls	\$ 6.00	
Personal	\$ 90.88	
Real Estate	1,009.93	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,106.81

Levy of 1943:

Polls	\$ 18.00	
Personal	74.55	
Real Estate	1,152.41	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,244.96

Levy of 1944:

Polls	\$ 38.00	
Real Estate	51.45	
	<hr/>	\$ 89.45

Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1942 ..	\$ 26.24	
Levy of 1943 ..	20.34	
Levy of 1944 ...	67.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 113.98

Interest on taxes:

Levy of 1942:

Polls	\$.40	
Personal	5.98	
Real Estate ..	72.18	

Levy of 1943:

Polls44

Personal 2.06

Real Estate .. 36.26

Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1942 2.54

Levy of 1943 .99

————— \$ 120.85

Cost on taxes:

Levy of 1942,

Polls70

Levy of 1943,

Polls 2.80

Excess cash

July 3, 194420

Cash on hand July 3, 1944:

————— 2,679.75

Concord National

Bank \$ 2,235.50

In office verified .. 444.25

————— \$ 2,679.75

\$ 2,679.75

Balance Sheet, July 3, 1944

General Accounts

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:		State Tax and Assessments:	
In Banks and Office		State Tax	\$ 3,993.00
Accounts Receivable:		State Parks and Reservations	134.37
Taxes:		Auditing Municipal Accounts	710.69
Levy of 1942			
Polls	\$ 28.00	County Tax	\$ 4,838.06
Personal Property	421.39	County—Dog Licenses	5,108.21
Real Estate	3,644.67	Premium on Bonds	174.60
		Trust Fund Income:	4.25
		Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery	
Levy of 1943:		Fund	400.00
Polls	\$ 114.00	Old Age Assistance Recovery	361.21
Personal Property	866.92	Tailings—Reserved for Unclaimed	
Real Estate	10,335.29	Checks	102.15
		Sales of Cemetery Land Fund	618.35
Levy of 1944:		Road Machinery Fund	479.00
Polls	\$ 758.00	Federal Grants:	
Personal Property	13,121.40	Old Age Assistance:	\$ 1,572.01
Real Estate	94,803.52	Assistance	29.70
		124,093.19 Aid to Dependent Children	
Motor Vehicle Excise		Unexpended Appropriation Balances	1,601.71
Taxes:		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	89,376.39
Levy of 1942	\$ 269.71	Overlays Reserved for Abatement of	4,986.60
Levy of 1943	528.62	Taxes:	
Levy of 1944	909.98	Levy of 1942	\$ 1,733.56
		Levy of 1943	1,265.54
Tax Judgment—Motor		Levy of 1944	5,010.90
Vehicle Excise			
Tax Title and Posses-		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
sions:		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 1,708.31
Tax Titles	\$ 443.98	Tax Title	517.26
Tax Title Possessions	73.28	Departmental	4,436.94
		517.26	

Departmental:					
Public Welfare —				State and County Aid to Highways	9,617.26
Temporary Aid ..	\$ 419.00			Revenue—1944	
Old Age Assistance	2,721.19			Surplus Revenue	
Military Aid	127.50				
War Allowance, World War II	200.00				
School	969.25		4,436.94		
State and County Aid to Highways:					
State	\$ 7,617.26				
County	2,000.00		9,617.26		
Estimated Receipts — to be collected				27,869.10	
Due from Trust Funds:					
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds				230.70	
				<u>\$212,226.05</u>	<u>\$212,226.05</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS	
\$ 18,000.00	Fire Equipment Loan
	High School Loan
	Schoolhouse Addition Loan
<u>\$ 18,000.00</u>	
<u><u>\$ 18,000.00</u></u>	

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$ 3,000.00
1,000.00
14,000.00
<u>\$ 18,000.00</u>
<u><u>\$ 18,000.00</u></u>

TRUST FUNDS	
	In Custody of Town Treasurer:
	Elizabeth White Charity Fund ..
	Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund ..
\$200,438.86	Charlotte Conant School Fund ..
	Wilde Memorial Library Fund ..
3,465.54	West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund
	Acton Firemen's Relief Fund
	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds
	Cemetery Surplus Fund
	Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund
	Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery
	Fund
	<u>84,918.11</u>
	<u>\$200,438.86</u>

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:
In Custody of Town Treasurer

\$ 27,512.89
14,476.10
1,500.00
16,286.31
653.96
2,800.82
49,682.85
1,083.78
1,524.04
<u>84,918.11</u>
<u>\$200,438.86</u>

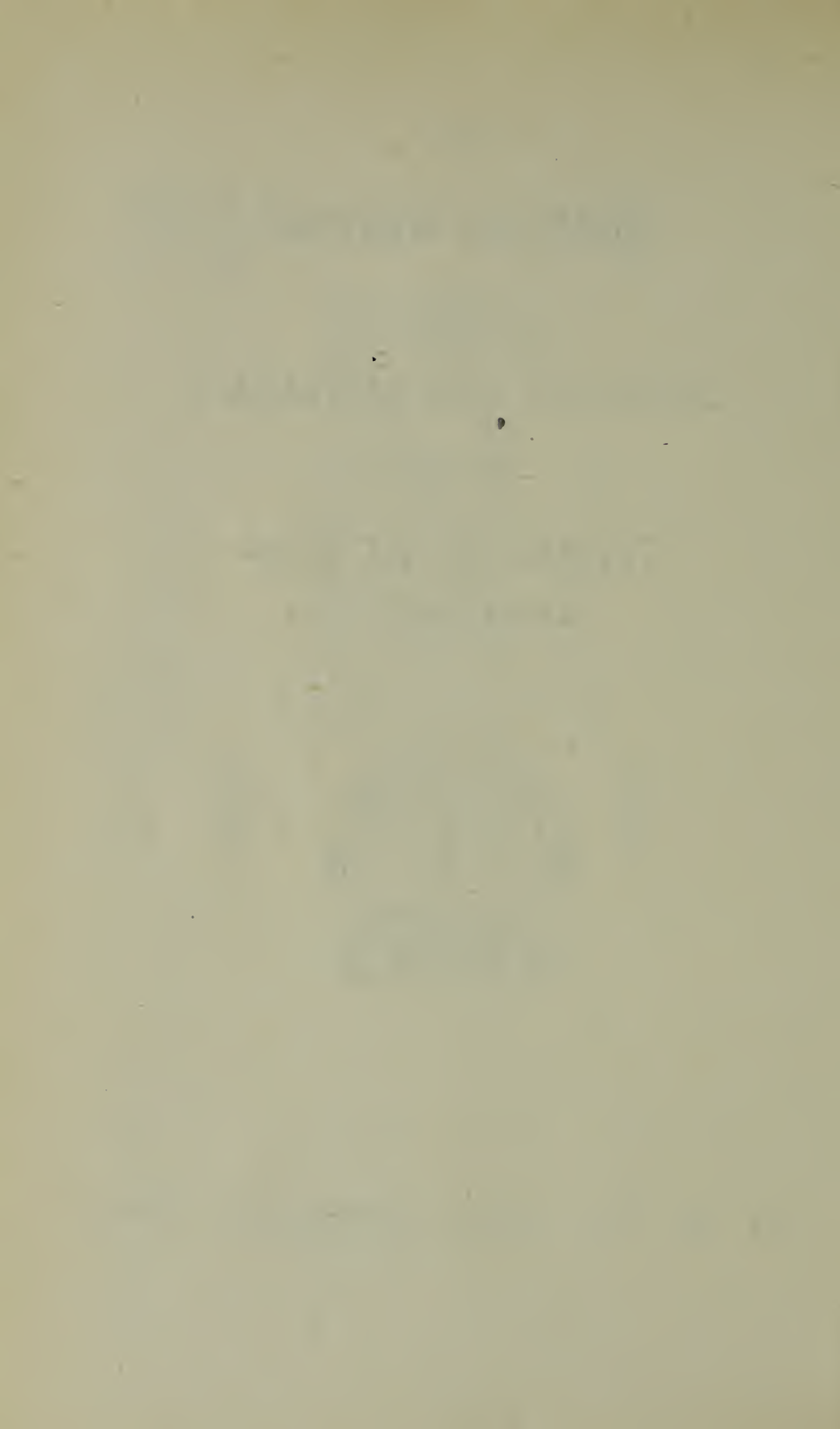
	In Custody of Trustees:
	Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund
<u>\$203,904.40</u>	
<u><u>\$203,904.40</u></u>	

3,465.54
<u>\$203,904.40</u>
<u><u>\$203,904.40</u></u>

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
of the
TOWN OF ACTON
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending December 31, 1944



ORGANIZATION

School Committee

Mr. Richard Lowden, Chairman	Term expires 1945
Mr. H. Vaughn Allen	Term expires 1945
Mrs. J. Henry Engman	Term expires 1947
Mr. Waldo J. Flint	Term expires 1946
Mrs. Arthur Fraser	Term expires 1947
Mrs. G. Howard Reed	Term expires 1946

Meetings of the School Committee

Regular meetings of the school committee are held the third Monday of each month in the high school at 8:00 P. M. Exceptions may be made during July and August.

Superintendent

Richard B. Greenman

Office—High School Building, Telephone 110

School Physician Ernest A. Mayell, M. D.
.. East Acton, Telephone 345-3

School Nurse Mrs. Simon D. Taylor, R. N.
North Acton, Telephone 33-22

Attendance Officer George Charter
West Acton, Telephone 110 or 158-2

Custodians:

High School, Tel. 110 George Charter
Center School, Tel. 86 Harry E. Holt
South School, Tel. 445 Kenneth Harvey
West School, Tel. 105 Ernest G. Banks

Tentative Calendar for 1945

January 2—Schools open.
February 16—Schools close.
February 26—Schools open.
April 13—Schools close.
April 23—Schools open.

May 30—Holiday (Memorial Day).
June 8—Elementary schools close.
June 15—High School Graduation.
June 22—High School closes.

School Year 1945 - 1946

September 5—High school opens.
September 10—Elementary schools open.
October 12—Holiday (Columbus Day).
October 26—Teachers' Convention.
November 12—Holiday (Monday after Armistice Day).
November 22 and 23—Thanksgiving Recess.
December 20—Schools close at noon.

1946

January 2—Schools open.
February 15—Schools close.
February 25—Schools open.
April 12—Schools close.
April 22—Schools open.
May 30 and 31—Holiday (Memorial Day).
June 7—Elementary schools close.
June 14—High School Graduation.
June 21—High school closes.

No School Signal—All schools all day

7:00 A. M., fire whistle in all precincts—2-2-2-2.
7:00-8:00 A. M., radio announcements over WBZ and WEEI

STANDING RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- 1. Admission to School** (as amended by vote of the school committee November 2, 1943).

Children shall not be admitted to the public schools unless they are 5 years, 9 months of age on or before Sep-

tember 1. Ordinarily, entrance must come during the first two weeks of school. All children entering for the first time must present birth and vaccination certificates.

2. School Sessions

The total length of sessions shall be $5\frac{1}{4}$ hours in the elementary schools and 6 hours in the high school, with sufficient recesses. The doors of schools shall not be opened to pupils except by the principals, or persons delegated by the principals.

3. School Buses

All pupils living a mile or more away from the schools they attend are entitled to bus transportation. Bus pupils must meet the bus schedule and, while on the bus, conduct themselves properly.

4. Excuses for Absence and Tardiness (as amended by vote of the school committee January, 1944)

Pupils are expected to attend school regularly except for illness. They must present a written excuse signed by parent or guardian stating a definite reason for each absence or tardiness.

5. Detention

Pupils may be detained after school in the afternoon not longer than 30 minutes in the elementary schools and for a longer period in the high school.

6. Contagious Diseases

State Laws: Chapter 71, Section 55; Chapter 76, Section 15:

"A child from a household where a person is ill with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, or any other infectious or contagious disease, or from a household exposed to contagion from any such disease in another household, shall not attend any public school during such illness or exposure until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the local board of health,

school physician, or from the attending physician, stating that danger of conveying such disease by such child has passed."

7. School Property

Pupils shall be held responsible for books loaned to them by the school authorities and shall not mar or injure any form of school property.

8. Fire Drill (as amended by vote of the school committee January, 1944)

Fire Drills shall be held at least once a month in all schools.

TEACHERS IN SERVICE

As of January 1, 1945

Center School

	Appt.	Graduate of	Home Address
*Ruth Johnson (Mrs.), Prin.	1935	Lesley School	West Concord
Dardana Berry (Mrs.)	1943	Framingham Normal	Acton
Helga Archer (Mrs.)	1943	Fitchburg Normal	Stow

South School

Julia McCarthy, Prin.	1906	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Florence Merriam	1927	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Carolyn Tuttle, B. S. E.	1940	Fitchburg State College	South Acton

West School

*Alice Feehan, B. S. E., Prin.	1938	Fitchburg State College	South Acton
Florence Rooney (Mrs.) (substitute)	1944	Lesley School	North Acton
Carrie F. Wells (Mrs.)	1943	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton

High School

Richard B. Greenman, Prin. A. B., Ed. M	1935	Harvard University	South Acton
Walter W. Holt, Vice-Prin. of S. H. S., B. S., M. A.	1928	Dartmouth College	East Acton
**Richard E. Bradford, Vice- Prin. of J. H. S., B. S. E.	1943	Bridgewater State Coll.	West Acton
Lydia Abbott, A. B.	1942	Colby College	West Acton
Margaret Boornazian	1929	Burdett College	West Acton
Mary Emerson (Mrs.) B. S.	1943	New Hampshire Univ.	South Acton
Henry Hopkinson, L.L.B.	1930	Northeastern Law School	West Acton
Ann Horrigan, A. B.	1944	Regis College	Arlington
Marjorie Jones, B. S.	1931	Simmons College	South Acton
Barbara Kunhardt (Mrs.) B. S.	1943	Boston University	West Acton
Norma Leppanen, A. B.	1943	Colby College	West Acton
Frank Saulenas, B. S. E.	1944	Fitchburg State College	Beverly
Marion Towne, A. B.	1921	Smith College	Concord

Supervisors

Dorothy Beers, B. S. P. E.	1943	B. U. Sargent College	South Acton
Jeanne Toohey (Mrs.)	1943	Mass. School of Art	Maynard
Charles K. Yeremian	1941	Longy School of Music	Watertown

*Acting Principal

**Acting Vice-Principal

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Voters of Acton:

The School Committee herewith submits its report with that of the superintendent, which has been accepted by the Committee.

The Committee organized March 7 with one new member, Mrs. J. Henry Engman. Mr. Robert C. Hall resigned June 6 and the Committee was unanimous in its approval of Mr. H. Vaughn Allen to fill the vacancy.

The high school roof and parapet have been water-proofed by Chapman Waterproofing Company with a full ten-year guarantee.

The power metal-working machines have been installed in the high school.

Fluorescent lighting fixtures have been installed in some of the elementary classrooms and we are planning in our budget for the remaining rooms.

Our budget for 1945 necessarily calls for an increase. We are planning to meet the exact needs of each department of the budget.

The Committee plans to complete its efforts of the past few years to bring all textbooks up to date and hereafter keep them so.

We have revised the salary schedule, basing it on the state minimum of \$1,200. These salaries are basic and do not include the present war allowance of \$200.

Revised Salary Schedule for Teachers (Voted at the regular School Committee meeting on January 2, 1945).

	Minimum	Maximum
Elementary—Women	\$1200	\$1700
Principals	1300	1800
High School—Women	1200	1700
Men	1400	1900

Vice-principal of senior high school		2100
Superintendent of schools and high school prin- cipal	3000	none set
Substitutes	\$5 a day in all positions \$2.50 for half a day	

1. Starting salary to depend on training and experience.

2. Annual increments of \$100 as a rule.

3. Difference of \$500 between minimum and maximum.

4. Effective July 1, 1945, all teaching personnel shall take courses in education worth 6 hours of credit every 4 years, but not more than 3 hours will be credited in one year. The courses shall be in the subject matter field of the teacher, or in one related to it.

5. Teachers are allowed 5 days of sick-leave each school year.

Acton High School has a good scholastic rating. The Massachusetts Department of Education has certified it as a Class A school for 1944, and the New England College Admissions Board has extended the certifying privilege of the school to December 31, 1948. Students with a B average or better in Acton may enter the following institutions without examinations: Amherst College, Bates College, Boston University, Bowdoin College, Clark University, Colby College, Massachusetts State College, Middlebury College, Trinity College, Tufts College, Wesleyan University, Williams College, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The certifying privilege is awarded to high schools on the basis of the college work done by their graduates.

For the first time in Acton the Rensselaer Medal, offered by the Boston Alumni Association of Rensselaer Polytech-

nic Institute, Troy, New York, will be awarded at graduation in 1945 to "the male graduate selected by the school authorities as the most outstanding student in Mathematics and Science."

On April 20, 1938, The National Honor Society of Secondary Schools granted Charter Number 2062 to the Acton High School Chapter. At graduation gold pins representing membership in the Society are awarded the ranking fifteen per cent of the senior class.

Recommendations:

All walls of the high school need waterproofing. We recommend that one wall be done each year for the next four years and we include the north wall in our budget for 1945.

A fan ventilator in the second floor boys' toilet must be installed this year to meet state requirements.

Fluorescent lighting in the remaining elementary classrooms.

Chain-link fence next to Route 27 at the Center School.

Necessary repairs of the heating system at the West School and curtain replacements in all schools.

The usual minor repairs and replacement of equipment.

There are several projects that should be considered in the near future:

Automatic heat in the high school.

Insulation under the high school roof.

Lighting in the high school.

Re-decorating of Blanchard Hall.

Painting high school inside and out.

The Committee requests that you appropriate the sum of \$69,117.50 for 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. LOWDEN,

Chairman.

Comparison of Net Cost of Acton Schools

Received by Town Treasurer on account of schools:

	1943	1944
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
General School Fund, Part 1		
(State aid on account of teachers' salaries)	\$ 4,553.00	\$ 4,820.00
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards (full) ..	1,222.01	1,214.45
Vocational Education (one-half)—Arthur A. Hansen Trade School, Waltham Co-op. Trade School, Worcester Boys' Evening Trade School	137.78	39.06
City of Boston, tuition of wards	184.68	150.89
Town of Boxboro, tuition	2,856.11	3,127.92
Town of Westford, tuition ..	335.09	334.31
Boston Typewriter Company 5 typewriters sold to U. S. Treasury Dept. Procurement Program	190.00	
Acton High School — Conant Library		8.71
Ind. Arts Shop		22.87
Total received	\$ 9,478.67	\$ 9,718.21
Appropriated	\$58,000.00	\$59,000.00
Spent from appropriation.	57,990.92	58,997.88
Received by town treasurer	9,478.67	9,718.21
Net cost	\$48,512.25	\$49,279.67

Notes:

1. Receipts from the Massachusetts General School Fund, Part I, on account of teachers' salaries have increased steadily in the last three years.

1942	\$4519
1943	4553
1944	4820

2. In 1944 the net cost of schools (\$49,279.67) was 16% less than the appropriation (\$59,000).
3. In comparing the school costs in 1943 and 1944, we find the increase in appropriation was \$1,000, but the increase in net cost was only \$767.42 because the receipts increased \$239.54.

ACTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

1945 Budget, Revised at Joint Meeting with Finance Committee, December 29, 1944

	1944 Appropriated	1945 Proposed
General Office Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Salaries of teachers, supervisors, principals and supt...	42,504.00	44,500.00
Mass. Teachers' Retirement Board (required by law for teachers in service)		217.50
Textbooks	986.00	2,500.00
Stationery and Misc. supplies	1,200.00	1,400.00
Wages of janitors .	4,440.00	5,520.00
Fuel	2,180.00	2,180.00

Janitors' Supplies..		
and power	1,200.00	1,400.00
Repairs and replace-		
ments	600.00	4,500.00
Fluorescent light-		
ing in elem.		
schools	\$1,550.00	
Waterproofing north		
wall of H. S. ...	1,600.00	
Usual general and		
unforseen items	1,350.00	
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	\$4,500.00	
Libraries	200.00	300.00
Health	300.00	300.00
Transportation	4,750.00	5,000.00
Sundries	140.00	100.00
Vocational education		100.00
Outlay		600.00
Center School		
Fence	300.00	
Ventilation in		
H. S. Boys'		
room	300.00	
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	\$600.00	
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	\$59,000.00	\$69,117.50

Special Articles:

Machines	\$1,500.00	
Lighting	1,500.00	
H. S. roof	1,500.00	
Retirement	277.88	4,777.88
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		\$63,777.88

Paid for Support for Year Ending December 31, 1944

Superintendent, Salary	\$ 2,000.08
Office and Traveling Expenses	609.62
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Total General Control	\$ 2,609.70

Expenses of Instruction

Supervisors' Salaries, Art, Music, Physical Education	\$ 4,059.00
High School Principal's Salary	1,333.28
High School Teachers' Salaries	20,977.10
Elementary Principals' Salaries	5,047.50
Elementary Teachers' Salaries	8,757.50
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	\$40,174.38

High School Textbooks	\$ 391.17
Elementary Textbooks	814.93
High School Stationery and Supplies	1,019.44
Elementary Stationery and Supplies	466.38
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	\$ 2,691.92

High School Operating Expenses

Janitor	\$ 2,023.27
Fuel	333.20
Miscellaneous	1,131.79
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	\$ 3,488.26

Elementary Operating Expenses

Janitors	\$ 2,440.00
Fuel	1,032.50
Miscellaneous	488.97
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	\$ 3,961.47

Total Operating Expenses	\$ 7,449.73
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High School Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 434.81
Elementary Maintenance and Repairs	420.16
Total Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 854.97

Auxiliary Agencies

Health, High	\$ 127.14
Health, Elementary	125.00
Libraries, High	103.61
Transportation	4,750.00
Vocational Education	18.70
Miscellaneous Expenses, High	91.75
Miscellaneous Expenses, Elementary88
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	\$ 5,271.08

Total Expended	\$58,997.78
Unexpended Balance	2.22

Appropriation	<hr/> \$59,000.00
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Special Appropriations

Teachers' Retirement Board (assessments due for those in military service)	\$ 234.67
Chapman Waterproofing Company, high school roof	1,490.00
Lynch and Woodward, high school grates . .	325.00
R. M. Prentiss & Son, elementary light fixtures	159.80
Brodhead-Garrett Company	
Grinder	\$ 66.00
Milling Machine and Shaper . .	955.30
Lathe, Motor, Accessories	446.06
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	1,467.36
John Howard, Assistant to Custodian	71.28
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	\$ 3,748.11

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Acton, Massachusetts
Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is my fourth annual report, which covers the year ending December 31, 1944.

Teachers

Since January 1, 1944, the following teachers have resigned to take other teaching positions:

Miss Henrietta Schmidt—Junior High School subjects.

Mr. Wilbert H. Hayes—Industrial Arts.

Miss M. Grace Callanan—Principal of West School.

Mrs. Ethel M. Bailey—Grades 5 and 6, West School.

The following teachers were appointed:

Miss Ann Horrigan—Junior High School subjects.

Mr. Frank A. Saulenas—Industrial Arts.

Mrs. Ethel M. Bailey—Grades 5 and 6 in West School.

Miss Alice Feehan—Acting Principal of West School.

Budget

Your attention is called to the **net cost** of our schools rather than to the amount appropriated. In 1944 the appropriation was \$59,000, but the net cost was only \$49,279.67. The amount received by the town in 1944 on account of schools was \$9,718.21, about 16% of the appropriation. The receipts are listed earlier in this report under "Comparison of Net Cost of Acton Schools."

The committee has prepared a single inclusive budget for all school expenses, as recommended in "Massachusetts Public School Administration," a pamphlet issued by the Massachusetts Department of Education interpreting the general school laws. The amount requested is \$69,117.50, which gives a true picture of the total needed for schools in 1945.

School Plant

Heating problems in the elementary schools continue to be an expense, and in the high school a number of extensive repairs and replacements must be expected in the near future, as listed in the school committee report.

Three Special Articles Voted in 1944

All four new machines for the shop have arrived: grinder, metal lathe, milling machine, and shaper. Some wiring remains to be done. The high school roof was water-proofed in June, and fluorescent lighting, as specified by a school architect and a lighting specialist, has been installed in four of the nine elementary classrooms. Those who have seen the effect of these modern fixtures are impressed with the improvement.

Special Articles in 1945

1. Unpaid Bill under Special Appropriation in 1944 for Fluorescent Lighting in the Elementary Schools—\$77.80.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$77.80 to pay the balance due on the installation of fluorescent lighting in the elementary schools.

2. Election of School Building Committee at Town Meeting in 1945—\$500.

To see if the town will vote to elect by the town meeting a School Building Committee of three, working with the School Committee and the Superintendent, to survey the elementary school needs of the town, secure plans, and discover the cost of a central 8-grade elementary school, including sub-primary department, and the cost of three new 8-grade elementary schools, including sub-primary department, one in each precinct; and to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the use of the School Building Committee, and instruct it to report to the town at the next annual or a special town meeting.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The teachers, some of the textbooks, and the methods found in our elementary schools are to be commended, but the expense of operating three old buildings and the two grades in a room require our attention in the near future. The elementary principals' reports indicate how much is being accomplished under difficulties, but improved housing of our first eight grades will make possible a healthier environment and much more efficient training.

Principals' Reports

Center School:

The Center School opened in September with the same staff of teachers: Mrs. Archer in Grades 1 and 2, Mrs. Johnson in Grades 3 and 4, and Mrs. Berry in Grades 5 and 6. The total enrollment was 89. Because the rooms are small, crowded conditions prevail. The average number of pupils bringing lunches is 65. Again, due to the lack of space, each teacher must have her own pupils in her room every day for lunch. The average number of children buying milk is 28. The importance of good teeth, health and work habits is being stressed in all the grades.

Milkweed pods were gathered in the fall and defense stamps are being sold regularly. A Christmas program was held for the parents. At the close of the program a "White Elephant Sale" was held in the teachers' room. The proceeds, amounting to \$11, will be used toward the purchase of an Estey portable organ for the school. The Acton Center Woman's Club generously started the fund by donating \$10. New fluorescent lights have been installed in Mrs. Berry's room and a snow fence has been placed in front of the building along Main Street. This has proved most helpful and has done a great deal to keep the children out of the street.

I respectfully submit for consideration the following recommendations:

1. A better heating system so that all the rooms can be more uniformly heated.
2. More adequate playground equipment.
3. Several new desks and chairs.
4. New shades for Grades 1 and 2 and 5 and 6.
5. Better toilet facilities.

An effort is being made by all of us to try to make the boys and girls who are under our care good citizens.

We appreciate the fine spirit of co-operation and helpfulness given us by the parents. We are especially grateful to Mr. Arthur F. Davis, librarian and artist, for his beautiful landscape of a scene near the school. He gave this oil painting, measuring 36 x 40 inches, to the Center School and it is to be hung in the primary room.

Ruth Johnson,
Acting Principal.

South Acton School:

The South Acton School opened September 11, 1944, with an enrollment of 86 pupils. The present enrollment is 90. The same staff of teachers is employed: Miss Merriam in Grades 1 and 2 has 36 pupils, Miss McCarthy in Grades 3 and 4 has 28 pupils, and Miss Tuttle in Grades 5 and 6 has 26 pupils. The average number of children bringing lunches at noon is 45. Fire drills are held monthly. Over 50 bottles of milk have been sold daily since October 23. Miss Merriam and Miss McCarthy were able to attend the three-day conference for Elementary Teachers at Bridgewater State Teachers' College in June. Teachers try to emphasize the importance of clean physical habits and clean talk, consideration for the rights of others, respect for constituted authority, and regard for civic responsibility.

Early in the fall the school engaged in the project of gathering milk weed pods, the floss to be used for lining life jackets. This project was very successful as twenty-two bags of pods were collected. We are also selling War

Savings Stamps. The Junior Red Cross enrollment was 87%. While the amount of money represented in the last two projects is satisfactory — even generous — the enrollment in each should be higher. We hope to increase the percentage buying War Savings Stamps before the end of the school year.

An Estey Organ purchased with the cash donations from the Music Fund and the Acton Parent-Teacher Association, has proved most useful in the music work. The pupils and teachers extend their thanks for the financial aid which made this instrument available. Four pupils are receiving instruction on other instruments from the music supervisor.

The new lighting in our school rooms is a great improvement on the old and is much appreciated by pupils and teachers. I respectfully submit for consideration the following recommendations: that the desks in the lunch room be mounted on strapping to allow moving about so that the room may be used for assembly; that this same room be used as a first grade room, through the employment of a fourth teacher; and that a bicycle rack be built at the rear of the building.

Julia L. McCarthy,
Principal.

West School:

At the time of this writing the enrollment in the West School is 86 pupils. There are three teachers in the building: Mrs. Wells in Grades 1 and 2, Miss Feehan in Grades 3 and 4, and Mrs. Rooney in Grades 5 and 6. There is great need for one more teacher in our building. We feel that if the first grade could be by itself, there would in time be less need for a teacher of remedial work.

I feel that the spirit of the teachers and pupils in the West School is, and has been, very fine, as may be seen in the success of every project undertaken. A good example

of this is an operetta, which was held last school term. It was highly successful dramatically and financially, the net profit being \$40. Because our operetta was such a financial success, we were able to purchase a small Estey organ, which is now being used as a teaching aid in our music classes.

Up to this date our stamp sales total \$364.10. During the month of November our percentage was 94%. Our goal is set for 100%. With the present enthusiasm of the pupils I am sure we will attain it.

We reached the 100% mark in our contributions to the Junior Red Cross.

Our pupils co-operated wholeheartedly during the milkweed floss drive, the results being a total of eight bags.

In regard to the book situation in my building, let me say this: Mr. Greenman is well aware of the fact that we are badly in need of supplementary readers. I know that the purchase of them is uppermost in his mind at the present time. Mrs. Wells has no reading material to use outside of her basic reader. My supplementary readers and those in Grades 5 and 6 date back to the early nineteen hundreds, the results being that we have maintained high standards in the Binet Achievement Tests only because the teachers have devoted many hours, outside of school time, preparing work to make up for the lack of textbooks. Much has been done in the past three years to supply us with new books. We appreciate the efforts of our superintendent and school committee, but there is a great deal more to be done.

The teachers in the West School are now striving to make the building more attractive and more comfortable. The walls and woodwork have not been painted for ten years or more. New bulletin boards have been installed but never painted; therefore, they were drab looking. With the help of two of our boys we have accomplished the following:

Bulletin boards in Grades 1 and 2, 3 and 4 have been given two coats of paint. We have enough paint to finish the boards in Grades 5 and 6.

Four window ventilating boards were made of old table leaves and painted. These were much needed.

Four lunchroom tables were painted.

One sand table has been painted. Two others are to be done.

One steam radiator has been painted with aluminum paint, and others are to be done.

We have taken scraps of materials which were left when our bulletin boards were installed, and used them to make the unattractive corners both useful and pleasant in appearance.

Indirect lighting has been installed in Miss Feehan's room.

Mr. Banks sanded and varnished the desks in Miss Feehan's room. He also removed the paint from one of the blackboards making it usable. The walls above the woodwork were washed in Miss Feehan's room and Mrs. Rooney's room. Mrs. Wells' room is badly in need of washing and paint. The desks in two rooms need sanding and varnishing.

A movable blackboard and new maps have been purchased for Grades 5 and 6. They are very valuable teaching aids.

Mrs. Wells attended the Bridgewater Conference held last July and was awarded a certificate of attendance for credit.

I would like at this time to extend the sincere thanks of the teachers in the West School to the parents of the children who attend our school. We have at all times received their wholehearted co-operation, which insures success in our endeavors.

Alice M. Feehan,
Acting Principal.

Academic Standing of the High School

The scholastic standing of the high school is good and it is improving. Eligibility rules for participation in athletics and other school activities require more than the rules of the Massachusetts High School Principals' Association, which were followed by most schools. In Acton the eligibility requirements for athletics follow:

1. C or higher in 4 prepared subjects in the week and 8-week period before that of the game, and no warning card marks below 60 in those subjects.
2. Effort mark of 1 and conduct mark of S in all subjects and general school conduct.
3. Students may not practice or play any day they are absent.

The point system has been revised upward slightly by vote of the school committee so that 20 points are required for promotion to each grade, starting with 1944-1945. Diploma requirements also were revised so that, starting with 1944-1945, all diplomas will be marked with the course completed: College Preparatory, Business, Practical Arts, or General. Students must take the required subjects to remain in a course. Students who do not have all the required subjects in a course will have a diploma marked "General."

Requirements for the honor roll are higher than they are in many schools: all A's for high honors; two or more A's in prepared subjects and the rest B's for honors.

In Massachusetts 10% is the average portion of each senior class entering college, and in Acton 25% of the Class of 1944 are in college including Boston University, Wheaton College in Illinois, and Colby Junior College. One member will enter Colby College.

The Iowa Tests of Educational Development given in 1943-1944 to all students in Grades 9-12 showed that many

four students stand in the top 10% among 50,000 students who have taken the tests.

Acton High School has the teachers capable of preparing students to enter any college or technical school, and it provides the program of studies and tools of learning needed for this purpose. There is a growing interest in further education among our students and the records indicate that more of them are entering colleges and schools of nursing.

Scholarships

Phyllis Carolyn Cook was awarded a \$100 scholarship by the trustees of the Acton High School Scholarship Fund. She entered Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. Contributors to this fund in 1944 were the West Acton Woman's Club, the Acton Parent-Teacher Association, and the Class of 1944. The fund balance is \$556.94.

Scholarships were also awarded by the Acton Center Woman's Club to Shirley Anne Rimbach and Zillah Elizabeth Gates.

Sale of War Stamps and Bonds

During the school year 1943-44 the sale of war stamps and bonds amounted to \$8,213.11, and for October, November, and December, 1944, the total was \$3,272.25. A group of junior and senior girls under the direction of Miss Boornazian takes orders in each home-room one day a week.

Students of Acton Who Gave Their Lives in 1944

Robert Webber McAllaster, who attended the West School.

Robert Everett Henry Thatcher, who graduated from Acton High School in 1934.

David Lester Jenks, who graduated from Acton High School in 1939, was president of his class in the senior year. He was active in dramatics and athletics, taking part in two plays and winning letters in football, basketball, and baseball.

Parent-Teacher Association

Under the leadership of Mr. Philip W. Goldthwaite for 1943-44 and Mrs. Wilson W. Chatfield and Mrs. Richard B. Greenman for 1944-45, the Acton Parent-Teacher Association has grown in its spirit of friendliness and united interest in the school department. Among the worthy projects it has sponsored are the scholarship fund, gift of a 16 mm. sound motion picture projector, dancing classes for all students, two paper drives (one shared equally with the Boy Scouts), a semi-formal dance, a trip to the Billerica House of Correction, and the annual declamation contest.

Music and refreshments at each meeting emphasize the informal nature of the organization.

Many interesting speakers addressed the association. Mrs. Victor Peppard of South Acton spoke on "Exchange Students" and Mrs. Walter Early, Past President of the

Mass. American Legion Auxiliary spoke on "The Home." In May, Mr. Loring Kew, Master of the Billerica House of Correction, spoke on youth problems and invited members to visit his institution.

In the fall, Miss Grace Pierce, Director of Music at the Lowell State Teachers' College, presented an excellent program with the Senior Girls' Choir, and Dr. Wendell J. Yeo, Associate Professor at the Boston University School of Education, spoke on "Parents as Vocational Advisers." An unusual meeting was held in December when the sound film "Pop Rings the Bell" was shown, indicating the value to a town of the investment in its schools. Mimeographed copies of the tentative 1945 School Department Budget were circulated for discussion following the film. A definite spirit of support was noticed as those present asked for information.

The schools of Acton have a promising future which the Parent-Teacher Association can and will influence to a great degree.

4-H Club

The Acton 4-H Clubs have done especially well in food production and canning. In Middlesex County the Acton High School Agriculture Club has the longest continuous existence of any such club, and the local 4-H Town Committee leads in fund raising. The Agriculture Club held 19 meetings, half of which were illustrated with films, slides, and film strips. Acton is among the top communities for the percentage of pupils participating in 4-H Clubs, and the Town Committee chairmen in 1944 are to be recognized for this record: Mrs. Warren E. Hartwell and Mr. Edward Estabrook.

Recommendations

In 1943 the school committee made the position of teacher of physical education for the elementary pupils and

the high school girls a full time position. The results may be seen among the girls in their enthusiasm for physical education and their athletic successes.

I strongly recommend a position of full time teacher of physical education and health among the high school boys combined with the coaching of all sports. Other duties will be assigned. The results will be an increased interest and skill in athletics, which has a great influence in the life of a school, and adequate physical training for all high school boys. At present the seventh grade has very little physical education, and the eighth grade has only one period a week. All other classes have one double period a week.

A further gain will be an end of the present practice of taking one man teacher from his classroom one full day a week to teach physical education. Thus students in United States History, which is required in Grade 11 by state law, World History, Civics, Grade 7 Geography, and Grade 8 United States History have only four-fifths of the instruction to which they are entitled.

It is certain that the parents of all high school students, particularly the boys, will welcome such a plan.

A second recommendation concerns the administrative organization of the school department. The position of Superintendent of Schools and High School Principal, while varied and interesting, involves too many responsibilities to be carried adequately by one man. At present the school system is, perhaps, not large enough for a full time superintendent and a full time high school principal, but an adjustment can be made.

If a Central Elementary School is built after the war, the adjustment will come with a full time elementary school principal in charge of the building, including supervision, requisitions, and other details now carried chiefly by the superintendent. If a Central Elementary School is not built, a plan must be worked out so that much of the high

school administration will be carried by a principal teaching not more than two classes.

Acton is in a position to develop an excellent school organization for small communities, and the interest of many townspeople in our schools points in this direction. For their loyal support and that of all parents and school department personnel I want to express sincere appreciation.

In a year of considerable progress I want to thank all members of the school committee for their diligence and spirit of co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. GREENMAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Reports of Special Departments

Typewriting

We attain a much higher standard in speed and accuracy than most schools of our size and larger. The rate of speed averages 30 to 65 words per minute. A special program planned for seniors in the college course has proved invaluable to them later on. Office Practice is included in the senior course of study. In addition to this, the use of the senior class in the school office on a co-operative basis has been more highly developed than in some schools. For this reason many of our students are able to take office positions without further training in typewriting or shorthand. One of our graduates, after completing our course, passed the civil service examination and received a rating of senior typist. It is further gratifying to us that so many of our boys in service have found their training in typewriting of practical value. When conditions permit, a dictaphone would be most useful.

Margaret Boornazian.

Home Economics Department

We have been able to accomplish considerably more work in the 7th grade clothing classes this year by having double periods for the work instead of two single periods. The benefit is apparent in the quality of the work.

The foods classes in Grade 8 carry out their requirements in cooking by one double period in the laboratory with a single period for textbook and notebook work. The foods classes are not connected in any way with the cafeteria.

The prices of food in the cafeteria have not been raised this year. A good substantial hot dish, along with two kinds of sandwiches, ice cream, cookies, dessert, and milk are served each day.

An able assistant, aided by several high school girls, prepares this lunch.

The cafeteria is self-sustaining. We also have a reserve in the bank which we hope to use in purchasing a much needed refrigerator and cooking utensils when these come on the market again.

Mary Emerson.

Industrial Arts

The shop program of 1943 has been continued in 1944 with certain adaptations to use the 4 new machines: grinder, metal lathe, milling machine, and shaper.

In looking to the future we should give more attention to these topics:

1. Auto Mechanics—Development of a shop course to provide training in the fundamentals of car operation.
2. Electricity—Expansion of present course to include the principles of electronics.

3. **Plastics**—As metal has replaced wood to a great extent, so will plastic compositions displace both wood and metal in an ever-increasing number of products.
4. **Guidance**—Development of a course to be required of all students because the occupational fields are becoming more specialized. An early start in a vocation is highly desirable, almost a necessity, today.

Frank A. Saulenas.

Conant Library

A high school library is often the intellectual center of the school, and our small but efficient Conant Library can be called just that.

The senior high students find the library not only a great aid in research and study, but also a center for pleasure reading.

The library is used constantly by the junior high students in supervised reading classes. Special sections of the library shelves are devoted to books for this group of students.

We have added 55 books since September 1944, from lists of books suggested by the teachers in the various departments of the school. Among these are background and reference books and some of the latest worthwhile fiction.

We are planning to add to the books already purchased so that we can keep our library a modern, well-equipped tool for our students.

Under the will of Miss Charlotte Conant, \$1,500 was left to the Conant Library of Acton High School, the income of which is to be spent under the supervision of the principal and history teacher.

Dramatics

There seems to be a growing interest in dramatics among the older pupils.

Last April a group of juniors went to the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival at Belmont. Our play was "Grandma Pulls the String," and while we did not win any prize, there was a great satisfaction in competing with schools far larger than ours, such as Belmont, Arlington, and Marblehead. I have already had inquiries from pupils about our competing again.

The Senior Play in November was a great success. "Brother Goose" is a very popular royalty play. On December 8, we put on the play at Lovell General Hospital North and we recently had a letter of commendation from the Red Cross officials.

We are preparing now for the Declamation Contest in February and we are hoping to have a few boys take part this year along with the girls.

Lydia Abbott.

Art

The art department has been accomplishing a great variety in the type of work done, and as time progresses, the achievements are of higher standard. We feel we could compete with any other school, as may be seen by the work on display monthly in the town library and store windows.

The work consists of color, design, illustration, lettering, perspective, cartooning, costume design, fine arts, and a great deal of cut-out work. Many posters have been made in correlation with all school activities. Red Cross work is also being done again this year.

We hope to develop further in the fine arts for we have some students with unusual talent. Plans are under way to develop a course in Art Appreciation.

Our equipment is gradually improving so that before long we shall have a well stocked studio.

Finger painting is a very adaptable and particularly interesting art and one that could be introduced even in the primary grades.

Jeanne Toohey.

Music

My fourth annual report as supervisor of music in the Acton schools is herewith submitted.

I am happy to present the following recommendations and report of progress made by our Music Department.

I. Recommendations

During the last four years I have been successful in establishing a maximum music program under the present system of combined elementary school classes. Since the progress made in the elementary grades is vital to the progress of the junior and senior high school classes, I wish to emphasize the importance of teaching elementary music to one grade at a time.

- A. Under the present set-up, each elementary class receives only a half-year instruction, for I must divide my time between two classes in a room.
- B. Students in the elementary schools are deprived of an assembly room, a very necessary factor in building school and citizenship spirit through music.
- C. There are enough students in the elementary schools to organize an orchestra, but because there is no assembly room I am unable to provide this important phase of instruction.
- D. Music Appreciation classes will progress much more rapidly under a single class set-up.

- E. A single elementary class plan would re-vitalize our whole music department and increase its progress two-fold.

II. Instruments

We are in need of music instruments for the band and the orchestra. I recommend that \$5.00 a year rental be charged for the use of all school owned instruments loaned to students. The proceeds will be used for necessary repairs of the instruments and to create a music fund with which to purchase musical instruments.

III. Phonograph Records

We are in great need of suitable records for the elementary schools. I recommend that provision be made for the purchase of about 25 phonograph records.

IV. Progress

- A. Two organs were purchased, one for the West School, the other for the South School. I have placed an order for the Center School. These organs were purchased from the proceeds of elementary school activities and the annual music festival.
- B. Thirty-six pupils are now receiving instrumental instructions, five more than last year. I expect an increase of about ten pupils each year for our band and orchestra.
- C. An operetta was given by the West School students.
- D. Annual music festival.
- E. Annual instrumental class concert.
- F. High school band performed for the senior play.

- G. High school orchestra performed for the Parent-Teacher Association.
- H. Girls' glee club and the orchestra performed for the graduation exercises.
- I. Music was provided for all high school assemblies, including a Christmas music assembly for both parents and students.

The morale of all groups is excellent.

I wish to express my most sincere appreciation to the superintendent and school committee for the splendid co-operation extended to me.

The co-operation of the townspeople and the Acton School Department, which has contributed to the success of this program, is greatly appreciated.

Charles K. Yeremian.

Athletic Association

I hereby submit my annual report as faculty manager of athletics for Acton High School.

The local press and publicity agents have kept you fully informed as to the success of our athletic teams in the past year. This winter the boys' and girls' basketball teams have entered the Eastern Division of the Wachusett Basketball League with a great deal of pleasure and success.

Our purpose is to keep the teams functioning properly, i. e., to raise money for equipment and transportation, and, above all, to keep the balance on the right side of the ledger. This latter has been possible through the co-operation of all the students of the school in selling magazines. They sold \$913.50 worth of periodicals which netted the athletic treasury a little over \$300. Added to this, receipts from basketball games and sale of tonic have brought our balance sheet to \$531.89 on January 1, 1945.

Walter W. Holt.

Health and Physical Education in the Elementary Schools and for the High School Girls

The health and physical education program has attempted to develop strength, endurance, agility and coordination in the students, following the same trends as in 1943.

More emphasis is being placed on the individual sports, teaching activities which will have a carry-over value from high school. Badminton and deck tennis equipment has been added.

The elementary school program emphasizes good health, good posture, and good sportsmanship.

Equipment needed at the present time:

Two new tumbling mats.

Badminton and volley ball standards.

Additional badminton rackets.

Ping pong table.

Dorothy Beers.

Physical Education for High School Boys

In 1944 we have tried to reorganize the sports program so that we may compare favorably with other towns in Massachusetts. We have played 6 football games, 10 baseball games and 21 basketball games. A particularly fine spirit now exists between Acton boys and boys from surrounding towns. The Physical Education Demonstration was received favorably by all present on May 11. This year Acton has joined the 12-team Wachusett League for competition in basketball and baseball. We have held to our strict athletic eligibility code covering marks in studies, attitude and conduct.

Recommendations:

1. Full time man as director of physical education, coach of all sports, assistant to the superintendent.

2. Each physical education class to be a mixed group with some boys from each grade (9-12).
3. Three single periods a week rather than one double.
4. New rigging for basketball court in Blanchard Hall.

Richard E. Bradford.

School Membership and Attendance

Membership by Age and Grade, October 1, 1944

Age

Boys

Gr.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Ttl
1	2	23	1	1												27
2		9	12	2												23
3			5	16	4	1										26
4				7	8	2										17
5					2	6	2	1								11
6						6	10	2		1						19
7							5	6	2	3						16
8								6	12	6	2					26
9									5	16	7	1				29
10										2	8	6				16
11											2	2				4
12													2	6		8
																222

Age

Girls

Gr.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Ttl
1	4	16														20
2		7	13	3												23
3			5	20	2	1										28
4				5	15		1									21
5					5	16	4	1								26
6					1	6	17									24
7							9	13	5							27
8								6	10	6						22
9									5	10	3					18
10										6	15	3				24
11											5	13	.			18
12												8	9			17
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REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. Richard B. Greenman
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as school physician.

The yearly physical examinations were completed in November.

The diphtheria and pre-school clinics were held in May and June.

Students taking part in outdoor sports were examined prior to our general physical examinations.

We have had some cases of measles in March, and some of whooping cough in the Center School previous to the Christmas vacation, but have been fortunate in not having the disease spread to the other schools.

I thank the superintendent, nurse, teachers, and townspeople for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. MAYELL, M. D.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Richard Greenman
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1944. The physical examination of all pupils was made by Doctor Mayell early in the fall. Special examination of all pupils in competitive sports was made before sports were started, and a re-examination wherever Doctor Mayell deemed it necessary.

The usual diphtheria clinic was carried on under the Board of Health with the school physician in May.

Pre-school conferences were held in May. Examinations of children to enter in September were made and recommendations for correction of defects.

There was the usual run of communicable disease. If children with colds could be kept home we would be able to control some of the communicable disease and many of the cold epidemics.

May I, at this time, express my appreciation for the support of the teachers and the superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN F. TAYLOR, R. N.

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Program

Friday, June 16, 1944

Entrance March of Seniors

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Elgar

Invocation

The Reverend Harry B. Roberts

Salutatory

Arlene Alice McAvenia

Girls' Glee Club

“Come to the Fair”

E. Martin

“Goin' Home”

Anton Dvorak

Essay—“Athletics in Acton

Shirley Anne Rimbach

Vocal Solo

“Such a Li'l Fellow”

William Dichmont

Zillah Elizabeth Gates

Ruth Janet Durkin, Accompanist

Presentation of Class Gift

Donald Kenneth Willett

President of Senior Class

Essay and Valedictory—“Post-War Missions”

Phyllis Carolyn Cook

Class Song

Words: Jane Reed

Music: Arlene McAvenia

Presentation of Awards

Mr. Walter W. Holt

Vice-Principal

Mr. Richard B. Greenman

Superintendent of Schools

National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation of Diplomas

Mr. Richard A. Lowden
Chairman of School Committee

Final March—"True to Our Flag"

Ellwood

Reception to Graduates—Lawn or Science Room

GRADUATES, 1944

*Barbara Ann Backman	Clara Newton
Marion Frances Beach	Laura Jane Peterson
*Evelyn Avis Collins	*Anna Miriam Pinolehto
*Phyllis Carolyn Cook	Jane Reed
*Henry Stewart Dickson	Shirley Anne Rimbach
Leona Pearl Diggs	Jean Mary Roe
Ruth Janet Durkin	Thomas Robert Smith
**Robert Fletcher	Audrey Terrell
Zillah Elizabeth Gates	Francis Walther
*Barbara Aline Howell	Alice Jeanette Wetherbee
*Arlene Alice McAvenia	George Edward White
David Thomas McGuire	*Donald Kenneth Willett
*Honor Students	
**In the Service	

Awards at Graduation:

American Legion Medal, awarded by Edwards-Quimby Post to the senior boy and girl outstanding in scholarship, loyalty, and achievement: Barbara Ann Backman, Donald Kenneth Willett.

Washington-Franklin Medal, awarded by the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for the best record in American History: Arlene Alice McAvenia.

\$25 War Bonds, awarded by Mrs. Robert Reid, Jr., to a senior boy and girl showing the greatest scholastic improvement in the past four years and a co-operative attitude through service to the school: Jean Mary Roe and Henry Stewart Dickson.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Several Official Boards
OF THE
TOWN OF ACTON
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending December 31
1945

WELCOME HOME!

It is with sincere appreciation that we dedicate this year's report to the boys and girls of Acton who have so valiantly done their part in World War II.

Many have returned home, many are still serving their Country on the home front and on foreign soil. Ten have paid the supreme sacrifice—they will not be forgotten. It is with pride that we speak of those boys—our Minutemen of today—who have given their lives for our freedom, our home—our Acton.

Our Acton, consisting of 12,167 acres located twenty-four miles northwest of Boston with excellent transportation facilities afforded by the Boston and Maine Railroad and through routes 2, 27 and 111, has continued to grow since the first house was built on the "new grant" by Capt Thomas Wheeler about 1669, until at the present time we have a population of 2,869 people, 792 houses, 5 churches, 3 elementary schools, 1 high school, several factories and private industries, with a valuation of over \$3,000,000.00.

We have been rich in history since that memorable April morning in 1775 when Capt. Isaac Davis said "I haven't a man who is afraid to go" and his men went bravely forward to Concord Bridge to repulse the enemy—likewise, down through the years, Acton has gone forward for home and liberty.

This is our heritage, linked with loyalty and community friendliness; we trust our returning boys and girls will indeed enjoy the spirit of peace and happiness in our Acton—their Acton.

GEORGE S. BRAMAN,
ARTHUR W. LEE,
LAWRENCE DONNELLY,

Selectmen of Acton.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.



To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in said
County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote at town meetings for the transaction of town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts, to wit:

Precinct 1—Town Hall, Acton Center

Precinct 2—Universalist Church, South Acton

Precinct 3—Woman's Club House, West Acton.

at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, the fourth day of March, 1946, by posting a copy of this warrant, by you attested, at each of the places as directed by vote of the town, seven days at least before the fourth day of March. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers:

Moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, collector of taxes, one selectman for three years; one assessor for three years; one member of the Board of public welfare for three years; four constables for one year; one cemetery commissioner for three years; two members of the school committee for three years; one member of the board of health for three years;

one member of the board of health for one year to fill vacancy; one trustee Memorial Library for three years; one trustee Memorial Library for two years to fill vacancy; and a tree warden.

The polls will be open at 12 o'clock noon, and close at 8 o'clock p. m.

You are further requested in the name of the Commonwealth to notify the legal voters of said town of Acton, as aforesaid, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Acton on Monday, the eleventh day of March, 1946, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries of all town officers.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committee chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 or some other sum for the observance of Memorial Day, this sum to be expended under the direction of a committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the use of the Treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local Dog Officer. The amount

spent for board and disposal of dogs will be reimbursed by the County of Middlesex, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$400.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 or any other sum to be used, in conjunction with \$500.00 now available, by the Town Forest Committee for the purpose of purchasing additional forest land or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for necessary labor and material to repair the town clock, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to defray the necessary expenses of office supplies, etc., in connection with the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to investigate the advisability of extending our present fire alarm box system and to submit report at the next annual or a special town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$450.00 for the purchase of one hose dryer for the South Acton Fire House, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800.00 or some other sum, so that the Board of Health may contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for a period of one year, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to have an annual audit of the various accounts of the town, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4500.00 or some other sum from the Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase of a truck for the highway department or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, being an act to authorize the establishment and maintenance of municipal departments and of districts for furnishing information, advice and assistance to veterans of World War II or other veterans or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 for the maintenance of a municipal department or of a district for the furnishing of information, advice and assistance to veterans of World War II or other veterans as outlined in Chapter 723 (Acts of 1945).

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to continue the work of the Acton War Record Committee and that this committee be called the Acton War Record and Veteran's Service committee to handle all veteran affairs and that the director be appointed for a period of one year by the Board of Selectmen, and that the sum of \$1200.00 be raised and appropriated for this committee, or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$600.00 for the purchase of a snow plow and authorize the Board of

Selectmen to trade in or sell any old snow plows or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the painting of traffic lines and signs or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to elect a School Building Committee consisting of the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee, with the Superintendent of Schools as Clerk of the School Building Committee without a vote, to survey the elementary school needs of the town, secure preliminary plans, and report on the advisability of remodeling the present elementary schools, the estimated cost of a central 8-grade elementary school, including sub-primary department, and of three new 8-grade elementary schools, including sub-primary department, one in each precinct; and to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 or any other sum for the use of said School Building Committee, and to instruct it to report to the town at the next annual or special town meeting, or act anything hereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$4200.00 for the purchase of a forest fire truck and that the purchase of the truck be left to the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Engineers of the town and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to use the old forest fire truck for the town sprayer and that the Board be also authorized to dispose of any unnecessary equipment or act anything thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$450.00 for the purchase of a Police Cruiser and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to trade in the old cruiser or act anything thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Assessors to publish a list of valuation of all personal and real estate of the town for 1946 and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the same or act anything thereon.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$400.00 for the painting of the West Acton Fire House or act anything thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 for new construction of Main Street from the Carlisle line to the State Road in North Acton; said money to be used in conjunction with \$3000.00 to be allotted by the County and \$6000.00 to be allotted by the State, or act anything thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of a power mower for the town grounds or act anything thereon.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3500.00 from the Overlay Surplus as a Reserve Fund or act anything thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for Highways under Chapters 81 and 90, provided that the reimbursement from the State and County be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account or act anything thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of additional snow fencing or act anything thereon.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 or any other sum for the use of the Zoning and Building Committee or act anything thereon.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 so that the Board of Health and the Committee on Post War Public Works may jointly employ sanitary engineering services to make a preliminary study of need and possible cost of a sewerage system and sewage disposal in the built-up sections of the town or act anything thereon.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$1000.00 or any other sum for the purchase and erection of a fence to separate the Goward Field playground from the highway department or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Acton this ninth day of January, 1946.

GEORGE S. BRAMAN,
ARTHUR W. LEE,
LAWRENCE DONNELLY,
Selectmen of Acton.

A true copy.. Attest:

Robert G. Willett,
Constable of Acton.

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee

Selectmen

George S. Braman	Term expires 1946
Lawrence Donnelly	Term expires 1947
Arthur W. Lee	Term expires 1948

Town Clerk

Harlan E. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

William Henry Soar

Assessors

Carl C. Flint	Term expires 1946
Albert P. Durkee	Term expires 1947
James W. Baker	Term expires 1948

Collector of Taxes

Carrie M. Durkee

Tree Warden

James J. Knight

Board of Public Welfare

Mary M. Laffin	Term expires 1946
Water B. Stevens	Term expires 1947
Benjamin J. Ineson	Term expires 1948

Constables

Ivar Peterson	Robert G. Willett
Michael Foley	Samuel E. Knowlton

Cemetery Commissioners

Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1946
Harry E. Holt	Term expires 1947
Ray L. Harris	Term expires 1948

School Committee

Waldo J. Flint	Term expires 1946
Marion C. Reed	Term expires 1946
Edith T. Engman	Term expires 1947
Margaret Fraser	Term expires 1947
Hermann H. Gatchell	Term expires 1948
Richard A. Lowden	Term expires 1948

Trustees of Memorial Library

Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1946
Wendell F. Davis	Term expires 1947
Mary Haskell Lothrop	Term expires 1948

Board of Health

O. Lawrence Clark	Term expires 1946
Robert R. Ford	Term expires 1947
Lowell H. Cram	Term expires 1948

Agent of Board of Health

Ernest E. Allsopp

Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

Grace O. Lears	Term expires 1946
Clara L. Sawyer	Term expires 1947
Waldo E. Whitcomb	Term expires 1948

Trustees of West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

James B. Wilson	Term expires 1946
Arnold H. Perkins	Term expires 1947
H. Stuart MacGregor	Term expires 1948

Trustees of Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Herbert Merriam	Term expires 1946
Frederick T. Kennedy	Term expires 1947
Clarence Frost	Term expires 1948

Trustees of Goodnow Fund

Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1946
Charles E. Smith	Term expires 1947
Ralph P. Marble	Term expires 1948

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY SELECTMEN—1945

Executive Clerk

Virginia Milbery

Office: Town Hall

Hours: 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Meetings: Board of Selectmen, Wednesday evenings at 7:30

Board of Public Welfare, Monday evenings at 7:00

Finance Committee

W. Stuart Allen

Pauline Bursaw

Alden C. Flagg

Albert W. Locke

William T. Merriam

Porter G. Jenks

Superintendent of Streets

Russell C. Berry

Town Accountant

Howard L. Jones Term expires 1947

Registrars of Voters

James W. Coughlin Term expires 1946

James B. Wilson Term expires 1947

William B. Feely Term expires 1948

Harlan E. Tuttle Ex-Officio

Election Officers**Precinct I**

Warden—Alice C. Duren

Clerk—James A. Wayne

Inspector—Samuel E. Knowlton

Inspector—Paul A. Coughlin

Deputy Warden—Gertrude M. O'Neil

Deputy Clerk—Helen R. Best

Deputy Inspector—Ralph I. Rogers

Deputy Inspector—Leo T. McCarthy

Teller—Marion C. Jewell

Teller—Mary F. McCarthy

Precinct II

Warden—Doris Soar

Clerk—Grace J. Cullinane
 Inspector—Merle M. Hayward
 Inspector—Sophia Walsh
 Deputy Warden—Marion H. Wilmot
 Deputy Clerk—Thomas M. Murray
 Deputy Inspector—Henry L. Capelle
 Deputy Inspector—Joseph H. Lemoine
 Teller—Marion L. Piper
 Teller—Margaret Coughlin

Precinct III

Warden—Fannie E. Davis
 Clerk—Anna M. Learmonth
 Inspector—Louise C. O'Brien
 Inspector—Mary M. Laffin
 Deputy Warden—Bertram D. Hall
 Deputy Clerk—Elizabeth M. White
 Deputy Inspector—Harry E. Holt
 Deputy Inspector—Katherine M. Kinsley
 Teller—Margaret F. Leveroni
 Teller—Marion C. Reed

Fire Engineers

H. Stuart MacGregor, Chief Engineer
 Clarence Frost, Asst. Engineer—Precinct I
 David Clayton, Asst. Engineer—Precinct II
 Arno H. Perkins, Asst. Engineer—Precinct III

Cattle Inspector

Ernest E. Allsopp.

Forest Warden

H. Stuart MacGregor

Dog Officer

Arthur Fraser

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Carl E. Anderson

Town Forest Committee

Arno H. Perkins Term expires 1946

Clarence Frost Term expires 1947
 James J. Knight Term expires 1948

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Oliver D. Wood Charles E. Smith

Fence Viewers

Robert G. Willett Edward W. Estabrook
 Louis F. Leveroni

Field Drivers

Norman E. Livermore Benjamin H. Sawyer
 Benjamin E. Derby

Superintendent of Moth Work

James J. Knight

Police Officers

*Michael Foley, Chief

Robert G. Willett Benjamin H. Sawyer
 Louis F. Leveroni Samuel E. Knowlton

*Civil Service—Permanent

Burial Agent

Waldo J. Flint

Soldiers' Relief Agent

Waldo J. Flint

Superintendent of Jones Memorial Field

Russell C. Berry

Superintendent of Goward Field

Russell C. Berry

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Howard L. Jones

Public Weighers

William Braman	Albert S. Braman
G. Howard Reed	Philip Newell
A. W. Davis	Thomas Hearon
John William Davis	Albert R. Jenks
Alfred Davis, Jr.	Porter G. Jenks
M. B. Ferber	Louise Garceau
Willard Houghton	L. W. Lowe

Otis J. Reed

TOWN MEETINGS

Abstract of the Preceedings of the Annual Town Meeting, March 12, 1945

Art. 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries of all town officers.

Chose: Waldo E. Whitcomb trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund for three years.

Chose: H. Stuart MacGregor trustee of the West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for Three years.

Chose: Clarence Frost trustee of the Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: Ralph P. Marble trustee of the Goodnow Fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the Tax Collector be twelve hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Selectmen be three hundred dollars per annum and the other members two hundred dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salaries of the Assessors be fifteen hundred dollars in the aggregate per annum to be apportioned as they may determine.

Voted: That the salary of the chairmann of the Board of Health be twenty-five dollars per annum, the clerk fifteen dollars and the other member ten dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the Board of Public Welfare be one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum and that of the other members seventy-five dollars each per annum and that a member of the Board of Public Welfare shall serve as Supervisor of Old Age Assistance and that the expense of administering this assistance such as necessary supplies, salary and traveling expense of

said supervisor shall not exceed the amount provided for this purpose by the Federal Government.

Voted: That the salary of the Moderator be fifteen dollars for the annual meeting and ten dollars for the special meetings.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Clerk be three hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Treasurer be six hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Accountant be six hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to fix the salaries of all other town officers.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers.

Voted: To accept the several reports of town officers.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committee chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

The committee appointed in 1941 to assign numbers to buildings and dwellings in the town reported their work completed.

Voted: To accept the report with thanks and discharge the committee.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 or some other sum for the observance of Memorial Day, this sum to be expended under the direction of a committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of (\$250.00) two hundred and fifty dollars for the observance of Mem-

orial Day, this sum to be expended under the direction of a committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Voted unanimously: To authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the use of the Treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local Dog Officer. The amount spent for board and disposal of dogs will be reimbursed by the County of Middlesex, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty (250) dollars for the use of the Treasurer, to pay the expenses of the local Dog Officer. The amount spent for board and disposal of dogs will be reimbursed by the County of Middlesex.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer \$875.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer Eight hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$875.00) from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 or any other sum to be used by

the Town Forest Committee for the purpose of purchasing additional forest land or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred (500) dollars to be used by the Town Forest Committee for the purpose of purchasing additional forest land.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 or any other sum from the Surplus Revenue Account for the work of the Post-War Public Works Committee, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate the sum of Five Hundred (500) dollars from the Surplus Revenue Account for the work of the Post-War Public Works Committee.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00 for repairs on the town roller, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty (550) dollars for repairs on the town roller.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for repairs to the buildings now used by the Highway Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (1000) dollars for repairs to the buildings now used by the Highway Department.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to defray the necessary expenses of office supplies, etc., in connection with the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred (100) dollars to defray the necessary expenses of office supplies, etc., in connection with the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to purchase new hose and three (3) fire alarm boxes, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (1000) dollars to purchase new hose and three (3) fire alarm boxes and install the same.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve bills to the amount of \$1,500.00 for the furnishing and installing of fluorescent lights in some rooms of the elementary schools, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve bills to the amount of Fifteen Hundred (1500) dollars for the furnishing and installing of fluorescent lights in some rooms of the elementary schools and that said board shall not approve for payment the bills until said installations are approved by the state wiring inspector.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$77.80 to pay the balance due on the installation of fluorescent lighting in the elementary schools.

Motion: That the vote be taken by ballot did not prevail.

Voted: By a standing — Yes, 148, No 18 — to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Seven dollars and Eighty Cents (\$77.80) to pay the balance due on the installation of fluorescent lighting in the elementary schools and that the Board of Selectmen shall not approve for payment said balance due until said installations are approved by the state wiring inspector. (Tellers for above vote — Everett Putnam, Porter Jenks, Howard Billings and James W. Baker).

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the additonal sum of \$1550.00 to complete the fluorescent lighting in all elementary classrooms, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the additional sum of Fifteen Hundred and Fifty (1550) dollars to complete the fluorescent lighting in all elementary classrooms.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Voted: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for several specific purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the town, as follows:

Moderator	\$ 25.	
Finance or Advisory Committee Ex-		
penses	200.	
Selectmen, Salaries & Wages	1,800.	
Expenses	100.	
Town Accountant, Salaries & Wages	650.	
Expenses	40.	
Treasurer, Salaries & Wages	650.	
Expenses	200.	
Collector, Salaries & Wages	1,250.	
Expenses	200.	
Assessors, Salaries & Wages	1,500.	
Expenses	75.	
Town Clerk, Salaries & Wages	350.	
Expenses	150.	
Elections & Registration		
Salaries & Wages	550.	
Expenses	300.	
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Buildings & Grounds		
Salaries & Wages	900.	
Expenses	2,800.	
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Total Buildings & Grounds		3,700.
Protection of Persons & Property		
Police		
Chief's Salary	1,800.	

Chief's War Bonus	300.	
Special Officers	400.	
Expences including		
Cruiser	850.	
Fire Department		
Salaries & Wages	1,900.	
Expenses	1,100.	
Fire Hydrants (Rental)	3,453.	
Forest Fires	1,200.	
Sealer of Weights & Measures		
Salaries & Wages	200.	
Expenses	15.	
Moth Dept., Salaries & Wages	700.	
Expenses	800.	
Tree Warden, Salaries & Wages	700.	
Expenses	300.	
		13,718..
Health & Sanitation		
Health, Salaries & Wages	3,650.	
Expenses	400.	
Inspection of Animals	125.	
		4,175..
Highways		
Salaries & Wages	900.	
Expenses	550.	
Chapter 81	7,125.	
Chapter 90	2,500.	
Snow Removal & Maintenance		
of Equipment	10,000.	
Street Lighting	3,525.	
		24,600..
General Relief		
Salaries & Wages	625.	
Expenses	4,000.	
Old Age Assistance, Expenses	20,000.	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.	
		26,625..
Veterans Benefits		
Salaries & Wages	50.	
Expenses	1,000.	
		1,050.

Education:

Supt., Principals' & Teachers' Salaries & Janitor Wages	50,020.	
Fuel	2,180.	
Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund	217.50	
General & Miscellaneous Expense Supplies, including new text books	5,100.	
Transportation	5,000.	
Vocational Education	100.	
Janitors' Supplies & Power	1,400.	
General Repairs & Outlays	1,950.	
Waterproofing North Wall High School	1,600.	

Libraries

Salaries & Wages	700.	
Expenses	800.	
Books	200.	

 69,267.50

 \$151,175.50

Recreation

Playgrounds	200.	
Miscellaneous Expenses	500.	
Town Reports	400.	
Workmen's Compensation	600.	
Committee on Public Safety	400.	
Surety Bonds	280.	
Rationing Board	1,300.	

 3,680.

Cemeteries

Salaries & Wages	2,400.	
Expenses	400.	2,800.

Maturing Debt	3,000.	
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Interest, Maturing Debt	250.75	3,250.75
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 160,906.25

Special Articles: raise and appropriate

Art. 6—Dog Officer	250.	
8—Town Forest	500.	

10—Town Roller	550.	
11—Highway Dept. Repairs on bldgs.	1,000.	
12—Board of Public Welfare	100.	
13—Fire Department	1,000.	
16—Fluorescent lights	1,550.	
19—Board of Health (Gar- bage)	1,800.	
20—Tree Dept. (R e p l a c e - ment)	250.	
21—Power Traction with at- tachments	600.	
22—Compressor—Cemeteries	400.	8,000.
4—Memorial Day	250.	250.
15—Fluorescent lighting	77.80	77.80

Total voted to be raised and ap- propriated	\$169,234.05.
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Transfers:

Art. 7—Machinery Fund to Ma- chinery Account	875.	
9—Surplus R e v e n u e Ac- count to Post War Com- mittee	500.	
32—Overlay Surplus to Re- serve Fund	2,500.	
33—Surplus R e v e n u e Ac- count on account of State and County allot- ments for Highways	10,725.	14,600.
		<hr/> \$183,834.05.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to have an annual audit of the various accounts of the town or act anything thereon.

Voted: To instruct the Board of Selectmen to have an annual audit of the various accounts of the town.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800.00 so that the Board of Health

may contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for the period of one year, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Hundred (1800) dollars so that the Board of Health may contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for the period of one year.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty (250) dollars for the tree department, for the replacement of shade trees.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the purchase of a power tractor and attachments for the Highway Department, or act anything there.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred (600) dollars for the purchase of a power tractor and attachments for the Highway Department.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for a compressor for the Cemetery Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred (400) dollars for a compressor for the Cemetery Department.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the Honor Roll which was presented to the citizens of the Town of Acton on November 28, 1943, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept the Honor Roll which was presented by the citizens of the Town of Acton on November 28, 1943.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to accept the gift of \$1500.00 made to the Town of Acton by the will of the late Miss Charlotte B. Conant. Said sum to be kept as a

fund and the income thereof used for the purchase of new books for the High School Library to be selected by the principal and the heads of the English and History Departments of the High School, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept the gift of Fifteen Hundred (1500) dollars made to the Town of Acton by the will of the late Miss Charlotte B. Conant. Said sum to be kept as a fund and the income thereof used for the purchase of new books for the High School Library to be selected by the principal and the heads of the English and History Departments of the High School.

Art. 25. To see if the town will accept as a town way or street, that road known as Pine Street, westerly about 250 feet off Main Street, as shown on a plan filed in the office of the town clerk, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to report at the next annual or special town meeting regarding the advisability of purchasing a truck for the Highway Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to report at the next annual or special town meeting regarding the advisability of purchasing a truck for the Highway Department. Committee: Edward J. Bursaw, Frank B. Roche, and G. Howard Reed.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to be known as the Acton War Record Committee, whose duty it shall be to compile a permanent record of all men and women of Acton in the military service of the United States or of any of its Allies in the present World War. This committee to have full power of filling vacancies or enlarging the membership of the committee and that such moneys for the use of the committee as the Selectmen deem necessary from time to time be made available to the committee by the

Selectmen or the Finance Committee from any funds within their control. This committee to report at the next annual town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to be known as the Acton War Record Committee, whose duty it shall be to compile a permanent record of all men and women of Acton in the military service of the United States or of any of its Allies in the present World War. This committee to have full power of filling vacancies or enlarging the membership of the committee and that such moneys for the use of the committee as the Selectmen deem necessary from time to time be made available to the committee by the Selectmen or the Finance Committee from any funds within their control. This committee to report at the next annual town meeting. Committee. Ralph P. Marble, Herbert L. Leusher, Theron A. Lowden, Prentice W. Blood, and Mrs. Marjorie J. Davis.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate and submit a set of Zoning Laws at the next annual or a special town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate and submit a set of Zoning Laws at the next annual or a special town meeting. Committee: Maynard L. Harris, Clare A. Milbery, Charles J. Farley, Porter Jenks, and James H. Connolly.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate and submit a set of Building Laws at the next annual or a special town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate and submit a set of Building Laws at the next annual or a special town meeting and that the committee appointed to act on Article 28 be the committee to act on Article 29.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to elect by the

town meeting a school Building Committee of three, working with the School Committee and the Superintendent, to survey the elementary school needs of the town, secure plans, and discover the cost of a central 8-grade elementary school, including sub-primary department, and the cost of three new 8-grade elementary schools, including sub-primary department, one in each precinct; and to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the use of the School Building Committee, and instruct it to report to the town at the next annual or a special town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To lay the article on the table until some future date.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to investigate and recommend the advisability of insuring all or any part of the town buildings or equipment and report at the next annual or a special town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 from the Overlay Surplus as a Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Hundred (2500) dollars from the Overlay Surplus as a Reserve Fund.

Art. 33. To see if the town will appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for Highways under Chapters 81 and 90, provided that the reimbursement from the State and County be credited back to the Surplus Revenue account or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five (10,725) dollars the amount of the State's and County's allotments for Highways under chapters 81 and 90, provided that the reimbursement from the State and County be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account.

Voted: To adjourn.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

BIRTHS

Whole number recorded	47
Born in Acton 1	Mixed Parentage 5
Males 31	Native Parentage ... 41
Females 16	Foreign Parentage 1

MARRIAGES

Whole number recorded	38
Resident of Acton 42	Resident of other places 34

DEATHS

Whole number recorded	33
Resident of Acton 27	Resident of other places 6
Occurring in Acton 25	Occurring in other places 8
Average age in years, 67 plus	

DOG LICENSES

308 Licenses at \$2.00	\$616.00
57 Licenses at \$5.00	285.00
1 License at \$50.00	50.00
1 License at \$25.00	25.00
2 Licenses at \$10.00	20.00
20 Free Military Licenses	
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	\$996.00
Deduct fees 369 Licenses at 20 cents ...	73.80
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Paid to Town Treasurer	\$922.20

NOTICE

All licenses expire March 31.

Dogs must be licensed on or before April 1, or the owners or keepers thereof are liable to a fine.

The law applies to all dogs three months old or over, regardless of the time of year ownership is acquired. No tax bills are sent to owners of dogs.

HARLAN E. TUTTLE

Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1945

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Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Nov. 19	Concord	Andersen, Karl Richard	Karl and Olga Pederson
May 29	Boston	Banquer, Jane	Harold Y. and Janice Borenstein
Dec. 8	Concord	Barry, Richard Anthony	David A. and Julia A. Kearney
Aug. 17	Concord	Bean, Frances Elizabeth	Forrest E. Jr. and Frances E. Balsor
Sept. 20	Melrose	Brckett, Beverly Lauretta	Robert D. and Marjorie McLean
June 5	Plymouth	Bradford, Phyllis Lorraine	Richard E. and Ida L. Knight
Dec. 11	Concord	Brewer, William Thomas, 3rd	William T. Jr. and Hazel L. Knight
Jan. 28	Concord	Callahan, Hilary Iris Nadine	Richard E. and Jane F. Gwynn
Jan. 21	Concord	Campbell, Phyllis Elaine	Norman P. and Ella E. Perkins
Sept. 10	Concord	Canessa, John Francis, Jr.	John F. and Inez M. Smith
Sept. 4	Concord	Charter, Jacqueline Rae	Wesley D. and Mary A. Hause
April 16	Concord	Charter, John Franklin	John W. and Eleanor D. Brackett
July 16	Concord	Clafin, Robert Edwin	Edwin F. and Ethel G. Dustin
Oct. 19	Concord	Conquest, Glenn	Arthur J. and Emily Soubasky
Mar. 6	Somerville	Conquest, Ronald Joseph	James H. and Mary J. Sweeney
Jan. 1	Concord	Costello, Matthew	Matthew F. and Dorothy N. J. Bogart
Dec. 15	Concord	Douglas, John Edward	Hugh A. J. and Marion E. Nichols
Dec. 17	Concord	Feltus, Alexander William Flerra	Homer C. and Pauline Casimera Flerra
Sept. 16	Concord	Ferguson, Donald Arthur	Gardner C. and Elizabeth V. Hughes
July 11	Concord	Fitts, Mary Judith	Warren H. and Jane A. Cadieux

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Nov. 22	Concord	Flint, David Clement	Carl W. and Vera M. Cunningham
Dec. 16	Concord	Foley, Michele Ann	James M. and Anna C. Downey
Nov. 16	Waltham	Galluzzo, Joseph	Calogera and Jean Marella
Oct. 23	Concord	Garthe, Janice Ann	Norman and Lillian M. Bulette
Feb. 16	Concord	Grandine, Joseph Daniel, 3rd	Joseph D. 2nd and Florence A. Rouillard
July 21	Concord	Hall, Bruce Allen	Allie L. and Barbara A. Carter
Feb. 22	Concord	Hatch, George William	Harold F. and Helen E. Piecewicz
May 19	Newton	Jewell, Martha	Kenneth E. and Marion Crittenden
July 2	Concord	Kinsman, Roland Lee	Grover C. and Ruth Harvey
Jan. 1	Concord	Kolenda, Anthony Edward	Anthony E. and Eleanor L. Larrabee
May 13	Concord	Liebfried, Donald	George F. and Helen I. Knowlton
Feb. 14	Malden	Magnuson, Walter Arved	Arved E. and Ruth F. Meuse
June 27	Concord	Mauro, Marion	Libby and Mary J. Ciolfi
Dec. 4	Concord	MacPhee, John Paul	Kenneth D. and Mary L. Aldred
July 30	Concord	Nickerson, Leighton Munroe	Harold E. and Lillian R. Briggs
April 26	Concord	Nordberg, Judith Ann	Harold F. and Helen W. Robinson
May 20	Concord	O'Neil, James Francis	Richard J. and Gertrude M. McVey
Aug. 24	Concord	Pederson, John, Jr.	John and Anna C. Larsen
Aug. 22	Concord	Perkins, Brian Mark	Raymond C. and Grace M. Hamm
Oct. 28	Concord	Prentiss, Larry Gerald	Wentworth and Geraldine Clapp
Oct. 17	Waltham	Richner, John Stephen	Robert R. and Barbara M. Uttine
Nov. 5	Concord	Rondeau, Alexander Lucien, Jr.	Alexander L. and Doris E. Peterson

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Sept. 25	Concord	Sisson, Richard Towner	Richard C. and Margaret Whitcomb
Dec. 25	Concord	Stapel, Margaret Sylvia	Hugo L. and Mary A Knowles
Jan. 16	Concord	Stevens, Bruce Gordon	Walter A. and Priscilla H. Bean
April 21	Concord	Tobin, Linda Marshall	Martin W. and Ruth B. Marshall
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Nov. 20	Concord	Perkins, Edgar Albert, Jr.	Edgar A. and Eleanor Byron

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1945

Date	Place	Name	Residence
June 23	Manchester, N. H.	Anderson, James M.	S. Acton
Feb. 2	S. Acton	Carson, Margaret P.	W. Concord
		Bailey, David W.	Iowa
Dec. 22	Maynard	Davis, Margaret E.	S. Acton
		Beach, Charles A.	W. Acton
		Thompson, Norma J.	W. Acton
July 13	Acton	Bowers, Lloyd K.	E. Akron, Ohio
		Munsie, Natalie M.	Acton
June 3	Watertown	Bradford, Fred W.	Waltham
		Butler, Stonnie Y.	S. Acton
Jan. 7	S. Acton	Braman, Albert S.	S. Acton

Date	Place	Name	Residence
Sept. 20	Wellesley	Hodgen, Mildred F.	S. Acton
		Briggs, Russell L.	W. Acton
		Hutt, Mary V.	Wellesley
June 5	Acton	Briley, Havord	Harvard
		Diggs, Laura B.	Acton
Jan. 4	W. Concord	Burke, James P.	Fall River
		Walther, Meltha E.	S. Acton
Sept. 3	Maynard	Chitty, Marvin L.	S. Dakota
		Lizotte, Eileen M.	W. Acton
June 10	Maynard	Cronin, Charles W.	Hudson
		Durand, Shirley R.	S. Acton
Jan. 30	Bedford	Davis, Richard C.	Bedford
		McAdoo, Marjory J.	Acton
July 29	W. Concord	Derby, Richard A.	W. Acton
		DeMars, Flavia M.	W. Concord
Aug. 31	Maynard	Edwards, Howard R.	Maynard
		Dagenais, Dawn V.	Acton
April 9	Boston	Feltus, Homer C.	W. Acton
		Flerra, Pauline E.	Allston
Sept. 8	Acton	Fitzsimmons, Ervin E.	Maine
		Bartlett, June S.	Acton
Jan. 26	Concord	Harris, Maynard L.	Acton

June	30	Maynard	McMillan, Caroline C. Houghton, Richard W. Dowd, Gertrude M. Jones, Howard F. Langan, Zita W. Kroon, Albert J. Spencer, Avis J. Linscott, Donald A. Jr. Hinkley, Grace M. Lowd, Edward E. Harriman, Florence E. Manion, Charles E. Goulding, Anna M. Marsh, John E. Laird, Helen B. Mekkelsen, John O. Hazel, Margaret F. Merriam, Burton A. Gray, Doris E. Merriam, James A. Cone, Janet Perryman, Warren K. Benge, Georgia	Randolph, N. H. Littleton S. Acton S. Acton Lowell Everett Acton Adams Acton W. Acton W. Acton Acton Concord Portland, Maine S. Acton Acton Concord S. Acton W. Concord S. Acton Arlington Arlington Ponca City, Okla.
June	7	Lowell		
Aug.	12	Concord		
Feb.	18	Sudbury		
Sept.	30	W. Acton		
Oct.	20	Concord		
Nov.	10	S. Acton		
Sept	22	Concord		
May	13	W. Concord		
Dec.	22	Arlington		
Nov.	9	Acton		

Date	Place	Name	Residence
Feb. 4	Chelsea	Rosemark, Jacob K.	W. Acton
		Stein, Beatrice	W. Acton
Jan. 14	Maynard	Sawyer, Benjamin H.	S. Acton
		McCarthy, Mary Ann	S. Acton
Oct. 28	Woburn	Schofield, Clifford A.	S. Acton
		McLaughlin, Mary C.	Woburn
May 20	Maynard	Shaw, Richard F.	W. Acton
		Fraser, Mary J.	Maynard
Jan. 1	W. Acton	Silva, Warren A.	Brookline
		Bancroft, Beryl	W. Acton
July 5	Maynard	Tatler, William D.	Stow
		Haggarty, Anne M.	Acton
Aug. 4	Springfield	Taylor, Charles P.	E. Acton
		Murchison, Ewena	Waltham
July 29	Waltham	Thatcher, Leo F.	W. Acton
		Herlihy, Rita L.	Waltham
Sept. 25	Dedford	Weitz, Robert E.	N. Acton
		Skillings, Ethel M.	Everett
Sept. 1	Pittsfield, N. H.	Webb, Kenneth L.	W. Acton
		Wormstead, Dorothy M.	Center Ossipee,
			N.H.

Deaths Registered in 1945

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.
Nov. 13	Balduf, George J.	66	8	6
April 3	Ballou, Bertha S. (Carney)	42	7	3
Sept. 5	Caia, Corridina	86	0	0
June 29	Conant, Edward F.	88	1	16
May 6	Chapman, Herbert F.	65	5	27
July 28	Dickey, Bertrand E.	58	4	29
April 23	Edwardsen, Andrew	78	3	11
Oct. 25	Enneguess, Mary	83	0	0
Oct. 24	French, Walter M.	93	1	25
Oct. 15	Hart, Nelson N.	71	0	0
Aug. 20	Hewitt, Gertrude E.	65	2	13
Nov. 12	Jones, Lawrence W.	56	10	18
July 22	Kinchla, Barbara L.	30	9	28
June 11	Kirk, John	77	7	1
Jan. 27	Lawrence, William G.	63	4	12
March 6	Lunt, Hattie V. (Stearns)	77	5	25
Sept. 10	Maguire, E. Monica (Roche)	58	5	2
Jan. 25	Maillain, Mary E.	91	9	0
Oct. 1	Mandell, Winthrop P.	52	3	28
Jan. 15	Merriam, Nellie S. (Whitney)	78	11	14
Aug. 29	Mott, Louella	85	9	11
Aug. 25	Piper, Ellen L.	90	9	27
April 8	Quimby, Emma L. (Billings)	85	6	25
Oct. 14	Reed, Ellen A. (McDaniels)	92	6	14
Feb. 20	Smith, Euphemia	89	11	9
Jan. 11	Starbuck, Amanda V.	84	0	13
Feb. 19	Starch, Ludvig	73	8	30
Aug. 10	Story, Arthur W.	70	6	5
Sept. 22	Taylor, Charles P.	29	1	4
April 18	Tenney, Nelson H.	92	8	1
Oct. 6	Vincent, Dora B.	51	2	21
Dec. 7	Whitcomb, Nettie E.	70	2	11
Nov. 3	White, John S.	79	3	3

LIST OF NON-RESIDENTS BURIALS 1945

Date of Death 1945	Name	Age		Place of Death		Place of Burial
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 18	Barrows, Mabel E.	74	0	12	Waltham	Woodlawn
May 22	Clifford, Laura B.	61	2	11	Stow	Woodlawn
Jan. 29	Davidson, William A.	64	11	25	Chelsea	Mt. Hope
Aug. 15	Evans, John	74	3	8	Keene Valley, N. Y.	Woodlawn
April 14	Finnigan, Williard J.	47	1	12	Somerville	Woodlawn
Nov. 11	Gillmore, Fred W.	77	6	6	Fitchburg	Mt. Hope
Sept. 26	Hargood, Edith	67	9	27	Newton	Mt. Hope
April 12	Hayward, Hattie H.	87	0	0	Newton	Mt. Hope
Oct. 3	Hyndman, Edward A.	82	0	3	Maynard	Mt. Hope
April 3	Kazokas, Kathleen	—	9	5	Maynard	Mt. Hope
Oct. 13	Kimball, Harold A.	49	10	6	Weymouth	Woodlawn
May 27	Loomer, Pearl F.	66	0	4	Maynard	Mt. Hope
Oct. 12	Morse, Georgiana B.	68	11	19	Princeton	Mt. Hope
Oct. 18	Pratt, Rueben C.	70	8	20	Shrewsbury	Woodlawn
Mar. 17	Preston, Sophia E.	91	3	22	Leominster	Mt. Hope
Mar. 26	Rodway, Charlotte E.	70	1	22	Medford	Woodlawn
May 15	Thomas, Florence E.	66	10	13	Waltham	Mt. Hope
May 1	Tuttle, George W.	82	6	26	Concord	Woodlawn

Date of Death 1945	Name	Age		Place of Death	Burial
		Y.	M. D.		
July 17	Tuttle, Loretta	101	6	2 Chelsea	Woodlawn
Aug. 7	Wamboldt. Adelbert R.	60	11	1 New Bedford	Mt. Hope
Sept. 25	Wheeler, Herman T.	59	8	0 Lincoln	Woodlawn
Aug. 29	Wheeler, Mary A.	83	9	14 Lincoln	Woodlawn
Jan. 15	Whitcomb. Robert F.	—	6	15 Clinton	Mt. Hope

JURY LIST REVISED — 1945**Precinct I**

Arthur Freese—40 Wetherbee St.
Roy H. Linscott—343 Great Rd.
Elwin H. Hollowell—13 Wheeler Lane
Herbert L. Leusher—84 Woodlawn Lane
Foster R. MacKinnon—73 Esterbrook Rd.
Orson K. Miller—92 Nagog Hill Rd.
Fred V. Richards—11 Hosmer St.
E. Clayton Steeves—49 Taylor Rd.
J. Henry Engman—54 Great Rd.
Roland O. Livermore—505 Main St.

Precinct II

Edward LeClerc—47 School St.
David F. Penney—81 Robbins St.
Harold C. White—38 Main St.
Chester A. Spinney—103 Main St.
Lossie E. Laird—2 Fletcher Ct.
Harold G. Nicola—86 Concord St.
Albert S. Braman—13 Chadwick St.
Hugh C. Hodgen—66 Liberty St.
Karl R. Jones—154 Main St.
Theron A. Lowden—172 Main St.

Precinct III

Bertram D. Hall—39 Windsor Ave.
George A. Rifford—186 Central St.
Edward A. Schmitz—57 Windsor Ave.
Joseph F. Redfern—220 Central St.
Harry E. Fannon—249 Central St.
R. Almont Lawton—235 Central St.
Carl E. Anderson—580 Massachusetts Ave
George Roe—280 Arlington St.
James E. Kinsley—265 Central St.
Raymond A. Gallant—244 Central St.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We submit, herewith, the reports of the various departments of the Town for the year ending December 31, 1945, after the actions under the different articles voted at the last Annual Town Meeting.

The Public Works and County Commissioners notified us that funds will be available for new construction under Chapter 90; the Town appropriates one-fourth, the County one-fourth, and the State one-half. This is the first money since 1941 that has been allotted by the State and County for new work. We recommend that the Town resume the rebuilding of North Main Street from the Carlisle line to the Great Road, "Route #2."

The repairs have been made on the Roller and it should be serviceable for a few more years. Some equipment voted under Special Articles have been ordered and accepted but have not been delivered as yet, on account of the slow up of reconversion.

The building purchased for the Highway Department have been reroofed and doors installed to house the equipment. The sum of \$2012.46 was turned over to the Town Treasurer by the Stockholders of the Acton Agricultural Holding Company. Bids were posted for the painting of the West Action Fire House as no bids were received this project will be up for consideration at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Under Chapter 690 on January 1, 1946, the care, control and maintenance of every public highway bridge with a clear span of not less than 20 feet, located on a through route was transferred to the State Department of Public Works and the cost thereof shall be paid out of the Highway Fund; one bridge on route 62 and two bridges on route 27 "The Railroad bridge and the Stone arch bridge at Faulkner Mills, South Acton" were the three bridges transferred to the Department of Public Works.

The Board wishes, at this time, to express its appreciation to all town officers and committees for their support and co-operation in carrying out the duties of their respective offices during the past year.

GEORGE S. BRAMAN
ARTHUR W. LEE
LAWRENCE DONNELLY

Selectmen of Acton.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Acton:

I herewith submit my report, concerning the work of the Highway Department for the year of 1945.

The regular maintenance and work of cleaning and patching was carried on. Extensive brush cutting was done.

Ten miles of road received surface treatment which included two miles of mixed in place.

Concrete posts and guard rails were erected at Homestead and Willow Streets.

Guard rail posts were set on Hosmer Street at Coles Brook for a distance of 230 feet.

The work on Concord Road at Ice Pond, started in the fall of 1944, was completed. Walls were built, extending and strengthening the culverts. Gravel was put on the shoulders, thus widening the road. Concrete posts and guard rails were erected on both sides of the causeway. The road was graded and surfaced. This project relieved a very dangerous situation.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL C. BERRY,

Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to state that there were no accidents reported to me during the year ended December 31, 1945.

HOWARD L. JONES

Compensation Agent.

FOREST WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Your Forest Warden submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1945:

Total number of brush and grass fires responded to 35

This has been an exceptionally light year for brush fires, and it was not necessary to put on a forest fire patrol.

The equipment is in good condition, but I would like to recommend purchasing a new forest fire truck this year to replace the old one. I feel that the tax payers living outside the water district deserve and should have the best protection we can possibly give them. The proposed new truck will carry 500 gallons of water, a pump and other modern equipment which we do not have on the present truck.

This truck has more territory to cover than all the other trucks together and most of this territory is in the rural district with no hydrant service.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,

Forest Warden.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1945.

Number of dogs disposed of in accordance with law	42
Number of dogs reclaimed by owners in accordance with law	10
Number of calls answered for dog nuisance	93
Warnings to delinquent owners to get licenses	103
Appropriation	\$250.00
42 dogs at \$3.00 for six days	126.00
42 dogs disposed of	42.00

Gentlemen:

I recommend the appropriation for the year 1946 be \$250.00.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR FRASER,

Dof Officer.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1945.

An appropriation of \$1000 was made for this work last year. This money was for emergency work such as removing dead, broken and dangerous trees. Seven hundred dollars was used for wages and \$300 for expenses.

The trees are in very bad condition and should be taken care of this coming year.

An appropriation of \$250 was made for the replacement of shade trees. The expense was about \$166 and the balance was used for labor. We need a number of trees replaced this coming year.

I, therefore, recommend that an appropriation of \$1000 be made for the care of shade trees in 1946. Under a special article I recommend that an appropriation of \$250 be made for the replacement of shade trees throughout the town.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. KNIGHT,

Tree Warden.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is the report of your Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1945.

I examined 342 weighing and measuring devices, sealing 340, and 2 not being in use were not sealed.

Fees collected \$65.42.

The Bureau of Standards loaned equipment for measuring gas and oil tank trucks. This was a great accommodation to the dealers saving them the time and expense of going to Lowell or Waltham.

Our merchants were very co-operative and their equipment in good order.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL E. ANDERSON,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1945.

An appropriation of \$1500 was made for the moth work last year. The cost of spraying material and running expense of a sprayer and truck was about \$800. This money was used for spraying through the town once for pest control, and a second spray for pest control and elm leaf beetle through part of the town.

I, therefore, recommend that an appropriation of \$1500 be made for the suppression of gypsy moth and elm leaf beetle and for other work that should be done.

In regard to the truck for the town sprayer—it needs a new clutch and quite a few other repairs. I do not think the clutch can be obtained as the truck is an old model, 1924 Reo. The truck is not heavy enough and therefore not safe with the loads it has to carry. It is a question whether we can get it registered this year as it will not stand the test.

Therefore, I recommend a different truck which is heavier and has dual wheels.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. KNIGHT,

Moth Superintendent.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Accessions—Number of volumes in Library January 1, 1945, 21,916. Increase by purchase, 261. Increase by gift, 604. Total increase, 865. Withdrawn from circulation, 977. Total number of volumes in Library, January 1, 1946, 21,804.

Circulation—Number of days Library was opened, 102 days. Number of volumes circulated, 9,282.

Largest daily circulation, 304, December 8.

Smallest daily circulation, 13, December 19.

Daily average circulation, 91.

Received from fines, sale of magazines and books and miscellaneous, \$125.62.

In addition to these statistics, I wish to record that the hours have been changed so that the Library is now open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2-6 and from 7-9:30. We hope this will be more helpful to the public than the former hours.

With the approval of the Trustees, I have organized State Certificate Reading for the pupils of Grades 4, 5, and 6. They seem to enjoy it and I hope the experience will help them when they begin to work on Book Reports at High School.

Over a year ago, it was decided that, inasmuch as the Library is a Town organization, and because it supports the South and West Branches, it was only fair to distribute new reading material as evenly as possible over the town. So that now, a third of each purchase stays at the Center, a third goes to West Acton and a third to South Acton. These Branch books remain six months, then reverse positions for another six months and then return to the Center.

In the matter of fines, I have made no change, following the original rules of 1890. I have enforced these quite strictly for three reasons. The first is that it is my duty as a Town official. The second is that a rule is made to be kept and not broken; and the third is that I feel it to be a very good way to train children as they begin community life, in promptness, in a sense of responsibility and in principle in financial dealings. I gather that the original purpose of imposing fines was not to punish the public, but to hasten the return of books in order that others might enjoy them. This also increases the circulation, whereby we get a better rating with the State.

The matter of reserving books has been taken up by the Trustees and judged not to be advisable in a Library which is not open daily.

As for circulation, you will note that during the past year, we have put out 1863 more books than in 1944 and 1127 more than in 1943.

An appeal came for books for Russia to help replace those destroyed by the Germans. I collected 87, nearly all from Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. White and Capt. Walter C. White, Jr. to whom we give thanks. Also our gratitude goes to the John Pederson Trucking Company for transporting these books to Boston free of charge.

Mrs. Ralph Piper and Miss Jennie Reed have helped me in lifting and bundling books to be taken to Fort Devens or to be sold to Mr. Rubin, and I acknowledge their help with gratitude. The Branch Librarians in West and South Acton have never failed in their loyalty and co-operation and we are all indebted to them for their able assistance.

MARY LOTHROP,
Librarian.

Gifts of books have been received from the following sources; we accept these donations with thanks: Westinghouse Company, 1; Janet Gould, 2; Mildred Pope Moore, 77; State of Massachusetts, 5; Anne Rimbach, 1; Ruth Ann Tobin, 1; Laura Forbes, 6; E. H. Washburn, 1; R. W. Robbins, 3; The Insurance Company of North America, 1; Junior Literary Guild, 4; Fred Kiley, 1; C. Douglas, 6; Capt. Walter C. White, Jr., 3; The Chrysler Corporation, 1; Stuart Allen, 420; Howard J. Billings, 1; Mrs. Maynard Harris, 18; Warren Hutchinson, 34; Mrs. Henry Hopkinson, 1; Mrs. Walter C. White, 1; Mrs. Burton Harvey, 3; Anonymous, 13. Total, 604.

FICTION

Aldrich, B. S.
Aldridge, J.
Almedingen, E. M.

Ashton, H.
Bailey, T.
Barber, W. A.
 and Schabelitz, R. F.

Barrett, M.
Bassett, S. W.
Bauer, F. M.
Bayer, O. W.
Blackmore, R. D.
Boyle, K.
Bramhall, M.
Brand, M.
Branson, H. C.
Brink, C.
Bromfield, L.
Bronte, C.
Bruff, N.
Buck, P.
Burke, F. R.
Burman, B. L.
Burt, S.
Campbell, H. R.
Carfrae, E.
Childers, J. S.
Christie, A.

Clark, W. T.
Cleaton, I.
Cochran, H.
Cohen, O. R.
Cole, J.
Coles, M.
Corbett, E.
Costain, T.
Crane, F.
Cunningham, A. B.
Dean, A.

The Cutters
The Sea Eagle
Dasha
Frossia
Joanna
Red Fruit
Drawn Conclusion

Murder at Belle Camille
Silver Moon Cottage
Behold Your King
An Eye for an Eye
Lorna Doone
Primer for Combat
Button, Button
Silvertip's Search
Case of the Giant Killer
Buffalo Coat
What Became of Anna Bolton
Jane Eyre
The Manatee
Portrait of a Marriage
The Frightened Pigeon
Rooster Crows for Day
Along These Streets
Magic Makes Murder
Tomorrow Sometimes Comes
Hilltop in the Rain
Death Comes as the End
Towards Zero
The Ox-Bow Incident
The Outsider
Silver Shoals
Day in Paradise
The Frontier Legion
Green Hazard
The Red Haired Lady
The Black Rose
The Indigo Necklace
Murder Before Midnight
Dead Man's Float .

Deeping, W.
 Disney, D. C.
 Downes, A. M.
 Eberhart, M. G.
 Ermine, W.
 Faulkner, W.
 Fenisong, R.
 Ferber, E.
 Field, P.

Foley, M., Ed.

Fontaine, R.
 Forbes, K.
 Forester, C. S.

Frank, B.
 Franken, R.
 Gardner, E. S.

Gibbs

Gilbert, A.

Glasgow, E.
 Gordon, C.
 Gould, C.
 Govan, C. N.
 Graham, G.
 Graves, R.
 Gregory, J.
 Gruber, F.
 Gunther, J.
 Halliday, B.
 Hanlin, T.
 Hard, M.
 Heberdeen, M. V.
 Hemingway, E.
 Hewlett, M.
 Heyer, G.

Slade
 The 17th Letter
 Heartwood
 Wings of Fear
 Buckskin Marshall
 Go Down, Moses
 Jenny Kissed Me
 Great Son
 Death Rides the Night
 The Road to Laramie
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The Happy Times
 Mamma's Bank Account
 Commodore Hornblower.
 Rifleman Dodd and the Gun
 The Days of the King
 Another Claudia
 The Case of the Gold-digger's
 Purse
 The Case of the Half-wakened
 Wife
 The Battle Within
 The Interpreter
 The Scarlet Button
 The Woman in Bed
 The Miller of Old Church
 The Women on the Porch
 Dick Tracy, Ace Detective
 Jennifer's House
 Earth and High Heaven
 Wife to Mr. Milton
 The Hermit of Thunder King
 The Silver Tombstone
 The Troubled Midnight
 Murder is my Business
 Once in Every Lifetime
 This is Kate
 Murder Goes Astray
 For Whom the Bell Tolls
 Open Country
 Penhallow

- Heym, S.
 Hichens, R.
 Hilton, J.
 Hobart, A. T.
 Holding, E. S.
 Horan, K.
 Hugo, V.
 Hutchinson, B.
 Irwin, M.
 Janeway, E.
 Judah, C. B.
 Karig, W.
 Kent, L. A.
 Keyes, F. P.
 King, B.
 King, L. D.
 Knight, C.
 Knight, K. M.
 Landi, E.
 Langley, A. L.
 Lawrence, H.
 Lee, E.
 Lehmann, R.
 Lewis, S.
 Locke, W. J.
 Lomax, B.
 Loring, E.
 Lutz, G. L.

 Lyon, D.
 McCue, J. W.
 MacDonald, W. C.
 MacInnes, H.
 MacLean, S. R.
 MacLennan, H.
 Maier, W.

 Of Smiling Peace
 Young Mrs. Brand
 So Well Remembered
 The Peacock Sheds His Tail
 Net of Cobwebs
 Remember the Day
 Les Miserables
 The Hollow Men
 Young Bess
 Daisy Kenyon
 Tom Bone
 Lower than Angels
 The Country Mouse
 The River Road
 The Happy Isles
 Bermuda Burial
 The Affairs of the Dead
 Stranger
 Intrigue for Empire
 The Pear Tree
 A Lion is in the Streets
 Blood upon the Snow
 The Needle's Eye
 The Ballad and the Source
 Cass Timberlane
 The Usurper
 Outlaw River
 Beyond the Sound of Guns
 By the Way of the Silver
 Thorns
 A Girl to Come Home to
 It's My Own Funeral
 Cape Cod Doctor
 Cartridge Carnival
 While Still we Live
 A Moment of Time
 Two Solitudes
 Spring Flight

Mally, E. L.	The Mocking Bird is Singing
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Marsh, N.	Died in the Wool
Marshall, B.	The World, the Flesh and Father Smith
Martin, A. E.	Sinners Never Die
Maugham, S.	The Razor's Edge
Michel, M. S.	Sweet Murder
Moore, H. F. S.	Death at 7.10
Morton, J.	Blackbirds on the Lawn
Murphy, E. F.	The Scarlet Lily
McFee, W.	Ship to Shore
Nash, A.	Cabbages and Crime
Neumann, D.	Now that April's Here
Nicholson, M.	The Port of Missing Men
Nordhoff, C. and Hall, J. N.	The High Barbaree
Morris, K.	Burned Fingers
Ogilvie, E.	Storm Tide
O'Hara, M.	Thunderhead
Olsen, D. B.	Cats Don't Smile
Ostenso, M.	O! River, Remember
Parrish, A.	Poor Child
Petersen, H.	Country Chronicle
Phillpotts, E.	They Were Seven
Pick, R.	The Terhoven File
Pinckney, J.	Three O'Clock Dinner
Pope, E.	Colcorton
Porter, A.	Papa was a Preacher
Powell, R.	Lay that Pistol Down
Pratt, T.	Miss Dilly Says No
Propper, M.	The Handwriting on the Wall
Punshon, E. R.	The Conqueror Inn
Queen, E.	The Murderer is a Fox
Raddall, T. H.	Roger Sudden
Rea, L.	Six Mrs. Greenes
Rinehart, M. R.	The Yellow Room
Roberts, C.	The Labyrinth
Robinson, C.	Fire-bell in the Night
Rogers, S.	You'll be Sorry
Ross, N. W.	Take the Lightning
Rutledge, N.	Blood on the Cat
Sabatini, R.	Birth of Mischief

- Sale, E.
 Sharp, M.
 Shaw, L.
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 Shellabarger, S.
 Sherman, R.
 Sherriff, R. C.
 Short, L.
 Shute, N.
 Simonov, K.
 Stafford, J.
 Stevens, S. S.

 Stevenson, D. E.
 Stone, I.
 Stout, R.
 Street, J.
 Swinnerton, F.
 Tarkington, B.
 Taylor, R.
 Teilhet, D. L.

 Thane, E.
 Thirkell, A.
 Tompkins, W. A.
 Tuttle, W. C.
 Ullman, J. R.
 Walker, M.
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 Wells, H. G.
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 Private Adventures of Capt.
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 Wolf Canyon
 Listening Valley
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 The Gauntlet
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 Ridin' the Rainbow
 Odd, but Even So
 Odd Man Pays
 Ever After
 The Headmistress
 Texas Tumbleweed
 Wolf Pack of Lobo Butte
 The White Tower
 Unless the Wind Turns
 Prelude to Adventure
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 Apartment in Athens
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 The Devon Treasure Mystery
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- Adamic, L.
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 Baker, R. S.
 Bean, L. L.
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 Borden, L. P.
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 Brooks, vanW.

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 Synthetic Inorganic Chemistry
 Motor's Auto Repair Manual
 Wind in the Sahara
 Twelve Against the Gods
 Francesca Cabrini
 Practical Arithmetic
 Pleasant Valley
 The World of Washington
 Irving
 Proceedings of Encampment
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 A Primer of Electronics
 Try and Stop Me
 Appointment in Manila
 The Bible and the Common
 Reader
 How We Live
 Don't Be Afraid
 U. S. Naval Academy
 The Big Three
 God's Angry Man
 Manual of Inorganic Chemistry
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 South of the Sahara
 Lovely is the Lee
 Rules for Management and
 Cleaning of Rifle Musket
 Model 1863
 Descriptive Springfield Rifle
 The N. Y. Yankees
 China to Me
 The Soong Sisters
 Nine Mile Bridge
 The Lost Waltz
 Angel Mo' and her Son
 Henry Ward Beecher
 Fire-arms 1702

- Huie, W. B.
 Huxley, A.

 Jennison, K.
 Jonas, C.
 Kane, H. T.
 Karski, J.
 Korson, G.
 Lattimore, O.
 Lauterbach, R. E.
 Lieb, F. G.

 Logan, R. W.
 McCoster, M. J.

 MacDonald, B.
 McNaughton, F. and
 Hehmeyer, W.
 Marlowe, G. F.

 Marshall, Gen. George A.

 Mason, A. T.
 Mauldin, B.
 Miller, H. W.
 Moats, A. L.
 Moore, F. J.
 Neblette, C. B.
 O'Brien, J. J.
 Orcutt, R.
 Orcutt, W. D.
 Papashvily, G. and H.
 Parker, R.
 Pearson, E.
 Pearson, H. S.
 Peattie, D. C.

 Pepper, G. W.
 Poor, H. V.
 Post, E.
- A Man from Kansas
 Can Do! A Story of the Sea
 Bees
 Perennial Philosophy
 New Hampshire
 Beachhead on the Wind
 Deep Delta Country
 Story of a Secret State
 At His Side
 Solution in Asia
 These are the Russians
 Connie Mack
 St. Louis Cardinals
 What the Negro Wants
 Historical Collection of the
 Insurance Company of
 America
 The Egg and I

 This Man Truman
 Coaching Roads of New
 England
 Report on the Winning of the
 War
 Bureaucracy Convicts Itself
 Up Front
 All Our Lives
 Blind Date with Mars
 Outlines of Organic Chemistry
 Elementary Photography
 How to Run a Lathe
 Merchant of Alphabets
 From my Library Walls
 Anything Can Happen
 Headquarters Budapest
 Studies in Murder
 Country Flavor
 Immortal Village
 Journey into America
 Philadelphia Lawyer
 An Artist Sees Alaska
 Eitquette

- Pyle, E.
 Ratchiff, J. D.
 Reck, F. M.
 Robbins, R. W.
 Robeson, E. G.
 Rockwell and Grayson
 Rogers, A.

 Roth, A.
 Santayana, G.
 Sherrod, R.
 Shipton, C. K.

 Singer, K.

 Skomorovsky and Morris
 Smith, H.
 Smyth, H. D.
 Snow, E. R.

 Standish, R.
 Steinman, D. B.
 Stewart, G. R.
 Stone, Fred
 Trumbull, R.
 Wallace, L. H.
 Weidman, J.
 Welles, Sumner, Ed.
 Wentworth, G. A.

 Westinghouse Air Brake Co.
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 Williams, W.
 Wolfert, I.

 Woolf, V.
 Yang, M. C.
 Yust, W., Ed.
 Yutang, Lin

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 Elements of Industrial
 Chemistry
 Dilemma in Japan
 The Middle Span
 Tarawa, the Story of a Battle.
 Roger Conant, a Founder
 of Mass.
 Spies and Traitors of
 World War 2
 The Siege of Leningrad
 Stina
 Atomic Energy
 Pirates of the Atlantic Coast
 Romance of Boston Bay
 The Small General
 Builders of the Bridge
 Names of the Land
 Rolling Stone
 Silversides
 Egg Cookery
 Letter of Credit
 Guide to the Peace
 High School Arithmetic
 School Algebra
 Report of 75th Anniversary
 War by Revolution
 Dusk of Empire
 American Guerrilla in the
 Philippines
 Flush
 A Chinese Village
 Britannica Book of the Year
 The Vigil of a Nation

JUVENILE LIST

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| Aesop | Fables |
| Angelo, V. | The Rooster Club |
| Atwater, R. and F. | Mr. Popper's Penguins |
| Bailey, C. S. | Pioneer Art in America |
| Baker, E. W. | Stocky |
| Baker, R. | The First Woman Doctor |
| Bianco, M. | The Street of Little Shops |
| Benz, F. E. | Pasteur |
| Brown, Helen D. | Little Miss Phoebe Gay |
| Browning, Robert | Pied Piper of Hamelin |
| Burton, Jean | Garibaldi |
| Busoni, R. | Stanley's Africa |
| Carson, J. M. H. | Son of Thunder, Patrick Henry |
| Christman, A. B. | Shen of the Sea |
| Clymer, E. | The Grocery Mouse |
| Coatsworth, E. | The Littlest House |
| Colum, Padraic | Arabian Nights |
| Coolidge, Susan | What Katy Did at School |
| Cote | Rabbit-Go-Lucky |
| d'Aulaire, I. and E. | Wings for Per |
| Eberle, I. | The Very Good Neighbors |
| Flack, M. and Wiese, K. | The Story about Ping |
| Gag, Wanda | Gone is Gone |
| | Snow White and the |
| | Seven Dwarfs |
| Garrard, P. | Running away with Nebby |
| Garst, Shannon | Jack London |
| Grant, Gordon | Ships under Sail |
| Grimm | Tales |
| Hale, Lucretia | The Peterkin Papers |
| Henry, M. | The Little Fellow |
| Higgins, H. B. | Stephen Foster |
| Ilin, M. | What Time is it? |
| Irving, Washington | Rip van Winkle |
| Jacobs, E. A. | The Secret Spring |
| Judson, C. I. | Mary Jane at School |
| Keene, C. | The Clue of the Rusty Key |
| | The Portrait in the Sand |
| Kingman, L. | Ilenka |
| La Prade, E. | Alice in Orchestralia |

Lathrop, W.	Northern Trail Adventure
Leaf, M.	The Story of Ferdinand
Le Blanc, G.	The Bluebird for Children
Leeming, J.	Brave Ships of World War 2
Lefevre, F.	The Cock, the Mouse and the Little Red Hen
Leighton, M.	The Singing Cave
Lockwood, M.	Macaroni
Lloyd, T.	Sky Highways
McCloskey, R.	Homer Price
MacNamara, J.	Extra
Malvern, G.	Jonica's Island
Mason, M. E.	Mark Twain
	Young Audubon
Meadowcroft, E.	Along the Erie Towpath
Milne, A. A.	Now we are Six
	When we were Very Young
Mirza, Y. B.	The Rug that went to Mecca
Molesworth, Mrs.	The Cuckoo Clock
Neville, L.	Aviation Dictionary for Boys and Girls
O'Brien, J. J.	Spike of Swift River
Otis, J.	Toby Tyler
Pease, J. V. D.	This is the World
Roberts, T.	The Mystery Schooner
Sackett, B.	Hurricane Treasure
Seton, E. T.	Wild Animals I have Known
Seymour, A. H.	On the Edge of the Fjord
Stafford and Zibold	Ling Tang
Stevenson, A.	Abe Lincoln
	Ben Franklin
	George Carver
Stewart, A. B.	The Young Corsicans
Stockton, F. R.	The Bee Man of Orn.
Swift, J.	Gulliver's Travels
Tousey, S.	The Twin Calves
Tudor, T.	Snow before Christmas
Travers, P. L.	Mary Poppins comes Back
Urmston, M.	Mystery of the Old Barn
Wagoner, J. B.	Julia Ward Howe
White, R. M.	Salute to the Marines
Wiggins, K. D.	The Birds' Christmas Carol

REPORT OF THE POST-WAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Committee feeling that Acton has had up to this time, no emergency unemployment, and trying to be in a position to meet any emergency called together, by invitation, all departmental members of the Town of Acton on October 25th 1945. The idea of the meeting was to talk over the needs and projects of the Departments. Sixteen members and the Selectmen with this Committee sat down to a round table discussion of the needs and possible improvements for Acton.

The School Committee suggested an intermediate centralized school building. Plans for such a building at an estimated cost of \$165,000, are in their possession. This at no obligation to the Town of Acton.

The Selectmen spoke of need of work on many of our narrow bridges about Town upon which some work has been done, also the drainage problem on Arlington Street, West Acton. They spoke of the need of Playgrounds in all sections of the Town.

The Cemetery Department would like to resurface all roads within the Grounds with a hard surface; and remove many curbs and level many plots in order that, with the help situation as it is, the care of the Cemeteries would be easier and better.

The Welfare Department was represented but did not have anything that they could not cope with.

The Fire Department is most anxious for a drying rack at the South Acton Station and we feel we can recommend one being installed. The Dept. also stated Acton Center Station should be remodeled. Chief MacGregor also stated that Acton would be faced with extension of the Alarm System as soon as the Telephone System completes its Dial System.

The Board of Health brought out the immediate need of a Sewerage System for Acton, stating that the State Board might order it done. They impressed all with its urgency. This matter, we feel the people of Acton should be given the opportunity to act on at once.

The Assessors recommend the immediate extension of the Water District. It was th consensus of opinion of those present, that the time has arrived for Acton to absorb the Water District and make it a Town responsibility. This action would automatically extend the System to cover the Town more completely. They also suggested a mapping of the Town. It was also brought out by them, that the present street lighting was not generally bright enough.

As a result of this general meeting, your Post-War Committee at a later meeting, felt we would make our annual report a listing of the outcome of this meeting of the Departments of the Town of Acton and to recommend:

1—The Board of Health take immediate action on the Sewerage System—

2—The Fire Department ask for and receive a drying rack, same to be constructed by a local Contractor—

3—The extension of the Water District throughout Acton. This to be accomplished by a committee being appointed to work out proper procedure and reporting to the Town of Acton and the West and South Water District of Acton.

4—That immediate action be taken about constructing a sidewalk along Main Street, between the bridge in South Acton and the Maynard line, trying to get Maynard to co-operate, that the walks may be complete to where they now end in Maynard.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. JENKS, Chairman

FORREST E. BEAN, SR.

RICHARD F. DEANE, Secretary

ASSESSORS' REPORT — 1945

Tax assessed as follows:

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$2,551,450.00	
Land	632,525.00	
Personal	462,675.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,646,650.00
Valuation January 1 1944		3,670,905.00
Decrease in valuation		24,255.00
Rate of Taxation, \$33.20 ,		
Real Estate	\$ 105,707.99	
Personal Estate	15,360.84	
Polls	1,578.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 122,646.83

Amount of money raised:

State Tax	\$ 4,488.00	
State Parks Tax	132.72	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	567.50	
County Tax	5,576.36	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	845.17	
Town Grant	108,242.85	
Overlay	2,794.23	
	<hr/>	\$ 122,646.83

Added Assessments:

Polls	\$14.00
Real Estate	3.32

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Number of Vehicles assessed, 1090

Total value of Motor Vehicles and

Trailers	\$ 123,950.00
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Rate of Excise, \$35.60

Total Excise	\$ 3,916.61
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ALBERT P. DURKEE,

CARL C. FLINT,

JAMES W. BAKER,

Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1945

INVESTMENTS

Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	\$465.54	
U. S. War Bonds	3,000.00	
		<hr/> \$3,465.54

RECEIPTS

Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	\$8.14	
U. S. War Bonds	75.00	
		<hr/> \$83.14

EXPENDITURES

Harlan E. Tuttle, Treasurer of the Evangelical Church in Acton	\$63.14	
Town of Acton for perpetual care of the Goodnow lot in Woodlawn Cemetery	20.00	
		<hr/> \$83.14

CHARLES E. SMITH,
RALPH P. MARBLE,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Trustees of Goodnow Fund.

REPORT OF ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

The trustees have signed orders to the treasurer for two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$285.00) for the year ending December 31, 1945.

These orders have been given after careful investigation with knowledge that each person is worthy of help from this trust fund.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO E. WHITCOMB,
CLARA L. SAWYER,
GRACE O. LEARS,
Trustees of the Elizabeth White Fund.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Health of Acton herewith submits its report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1945.

The principal activities of the Board during the past year have been the nursing service, the diphtheria clinic, the tuberculosis chest X-ray program, the care of the town dump, and the collection of garbage.

We have been able to continue the nursing service through the full co-operation of the registered nurses residing in our town who have been most helpful during these busy war years with the shortage of doctors and nurses almost everywhere. We refer to Lillian F. Taylor, R.N., the school and town nurse, and her valued assistants Verne Farquhar, R.N., Lydia Rhodes, R. N., and Hazel Roche, R.N.

The diphtheria clinic was sponsored at the schools as in the previous years with a large number of pupils availing themselves of this opportunity. Likewise the tuberculosis chest X-ray program provided by the Middlesex County Health Association was sponsored and was met with good response.

The town dump is in excellent condition under the care of W. J. Scanlon and is easily accessible for the dumping of refuse on the days scheduled.

We are frank to admit that we are not entirely satisfied with the collection of garbage this year and the lack of efficiency is due to several reasons. We hope if the town votes to continue collection of garbage this year that we may resume the excellent service with which this program initiated.

We recommend an appropriation of \$4,000.00 for the use of this board for the year 1946.

Report of contagious diseases Jan. 1, 1945 to Dec. 31,
1945:

Poliomyelitis Paralytic	1
Gonorrhea	1
Syphilis	3
Dog Bite	16
Whooping Cough	3
Mumps	23
Chicken Pox	24
German Measles	1

Deaths:

Burial permits issued	26
Residents of Acton	19
Residents who died in other towns...	8
Residents of other places	6
Total number of deaths	33

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. CLARK, M.D., Chairman
L. H. CRAM, Secretary

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health,
Town of Acton.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as inspector of slaughtering
for the year 1945.

Beef 1
Hogs 4
Condemned 0

Respectfully Submitted,
ERNEST E. ALLSOPP,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the report of the Welfare Board for 1945.

The appropriation for Welfare for 1945 was \$4,000, out of which \$2,739.00 was spent, leaving a balance of \$1,261. During 1945, we aided seven cases in Acton and seven cases out of town with Acton settlements. At the present time, we are aiding eight welfare cases, four of which are in Acton. For the out-of-town bills during the past year, we paid \$1,788.96 while \$1,050.04 was paid for the four cases in Acton. In anticipation of bills which will be incurred during 1946, we find it necessary to ask for an appropriation of \$4,000, which is the same as last year.

For Aid to Dependent Children, we are asking an appropriation of \$2,500. This is an increase over last year of \$500. During 1945, we aided three families having a total of six dependent children. Our present case load is three families with a total of six children.

We are asking for \$23,000 for Old Age Assistance for the coming year. This is an increase of \$3,000 over last year's appropriation. On January 1, 1945, our case load was 65 and on December 31, 1945, it was 61. Although the number of recipients remained practically the same as in 1944, administration and social services to these individuals have been increased by legislation. On January 1, 1946, a new law became effective exempting many children from making the legal contributions which they had heretofore been required to make to their parents, thereby necessitating an increase in our demands for next year. During the entire year, 71 persons were aided under this category of assistance, 53 of these had Acton settlements, 12 with out-of-town settlements and 6 which were unsettled.

Your Board, desiring to give you an analysis of the expenditures for 1945, submit the following:

TEMPORARY AID

Paid to State on Acton settled cases	\$912.50	
Paid to other places on Acton settled cases	876.46	
Paid to cases in Acton	1,050.04	
	<hr/>	\$2,739.00
Estimated reimbursement from other towns		418.18
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Approximate net cost to Town of Acton		\$2,320.82

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Total expended		\$2,320.69
Estimated Federal Grants	\$423.00	
Estimated State reimbursement	773.58	1,196.58
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Approximate net cost to Town of Acton		\$1,124.11

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Total expended		\$33,213.22
Estimated Federal Grants	\$13,525.46	
Estimated State reimbursement	13,447.16	
Estimated reimbursement from other places	655.60	27,628.22
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Approximate net cost to Town of Acton		\$5,585.00
Appropriations recommended for 1946:		
Old Age Assistance	\$23,000.00	
Temporary Aid	4,000.00	
Aid to Dependent Children.....	2,500.00	

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN J. INESON,
MARY M. LAFFIN,
WALTER B. STEVENS,
Board of Public Welfare.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen

I herewith submit my 19th annual report for the year ending December 31, 1945.

Arrests and prosecutions made for the following offenses:

Drunkenness	8
Fish & Game violations	7
Larceny	4
Breaking & entering & larceny	1
Having unbranded carcass in possession.....	1
Malicious injury to property	1
Assault with a dangerous weapon	1
Begetting	1
Assault with intent to rape	1
Vagrancy	1
Having loaded shotgun in motor vehicle	1
Discharging firearms on highway	1
Allowing operation of unregistered motor vehicle	1
Law of the road	2
Speeding	2
Operating after revocation of license	1
Operating under the influence of liquor	2
Operating with improper brakes	1
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle.....	1
Violation of Executive Order 35	4
Operating without a license	4
Operating so as to endanger	6
Failing to stop at Stop sign	12
	<hr/> 64

Motor Vehicle accident report:

Number of accidents reported	19
Persons injured, male	15
Persons injured, female	10
Persons killed, male	1
Accidents, operators had been drinking	2

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FOLEY,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the Fire Department for the year 1945.

Total number of alarms responded to are as follows:

Building	7
Automobile	3
Chimney	6
False	0
Emergency	1
Oil	6
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I would like to recommend this year to take some action on our fire alarm system, as in the near future the telephone will be changed to dial, thereby leaving us in a serious position in regard to sending in an alarm.

We were unable to get the West Acton house painted this year. Therefore it still needs to be done.

Our equipment is in good condition and with some minor up-keep repairs, will do very well for the coming year.

I would like to mention at this time that the inhalator, presented the Fire Company by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Blanchard, recently served its purpose very efficiently and successfully in the first tragedy the Fire Dept. has experienced. The firemen were very much pleased with its performance and greatly appreciate the gift.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Chief of Fire Department.

PERSONNEL OF ACTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

H. Stuart MacGregor—Chief Engineer

PRECINCT 1

Clarence Frost—Assistant Engineer

Wendell Putnam	Everett Putnam
Ralph Rogers	George Braman
John Torkelsen	Walter Liebfried
Ivar Peterson	Ralph Phalen
Allen Pederson	Norman Livermore
Thomas Meldrum	Samuel Knowlton
Raymond Perkins	John Pederson Jr.

PRECINCT 2

David Clayton—Assistant Engineer

Henry Soar	Lloyd Priest
Herbert Merriam	Leslie Larsen
Richard Lowden	Ole Garthe
Theron Lowden	Hugh Hodgen
Earl Hayward	Albert Braman
Wesley Larrabee	Clarence Robbins
Edwin Christofferson	Malcolm Fullonton

PRECINCT 3

Arno H. Perkins—Assistant Engineer

James Baker	Albert Gravlin
John Beach	Ernest Banks
Fred Kennedy	James Wilson
Raymond Gallant	Porter Jenks
Jean Garceau	Norman Campbell
Allan Cameron	Orla Nichols
Edgar Perkins	Arthur Hurley

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 1945

We herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1945.

The account of the town treasurer shows that during the past year the cemetery department has received and paid into the treasury the sum of \$1372.38 itemized as follows:—

Annual care of lots	\$525.00
Burials	483.00
Lowering device	63.00
Sales of lots	90.00
Foundations	173.38
Miscellaneous	38.00
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Total	\$1,372.38

We ask that these receipts may be considered in making your appropriations for the current year.

We recommend an appropriation for the care of the cemeteries the sum of \$3,000.00 for the year 1946.

There has been added to the perpetual care account the past year, in new accounts the sum of \$1400.00.

An itemized account of the expenditures for the care of the cemeteries will be found in the report of the town accountant.

We have prepared a schedule of the receipts and expenditures on account of each lot under perpetual care, in books kept for that purpose, which may be examined by persons interested.

HORACE F. TUTTLE,
RAY L. HARRIS
HARRY E. HOLT
Cemetery Commissioners.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

1943 TOWN TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	\$5,628.87
Interest	366.45
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	\$5,995.32
Paid Treasurer	\$5,983.96
Tax Titles	11.36
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	\$5,995.32

1944 TOWN TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	\$15,614.92
Interest	247.57
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	\$15,862.49
Paid Treasurer	\$9,565.70
Abated	117.59
Tax titles	11.76
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1946	6,167.44
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	\$15,862.49

1945 TOWN TAX

Committed	105,711.30
Interest	42.07
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	\$105,753.37
Paid Treasurer	\$87,048.73
Abated	858.22
Tax Titles	33.20
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1946	17,813.22
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	\$105,753.37

1943 PERSONAL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	\$470.03
Interest	33.10
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	\$503.13
Paid Treasurer	\$503.13
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	\$503.13

1944 PERSONAL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	\$1,033.91
	12.26
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	\$1,046.17
Paid Treasurer	\$506.35
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1946	539.82
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	\$1,046.17

1945 PERSONAL TAX

Committed	\$15,360.84
Interest	1.87
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	\$15,362.71
Paid Treasurer	\$13,485.41
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1946	1,877.30
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	\$15,362.71

1943 POLL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	\$26.00
Interest	1.55
Cost	3.50
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	\$31.05
Paid Treasurer	\$31.05
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	\$31.05

1944 POLL TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	144.00
Interest	1.43
Cost	11.90
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	\$157.33
Paid Treasurer	127.33
Abated	6.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1946	24.00
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	\$157.33

1945 POLL TAX

Committed	\$1,956.00
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Cost70
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	\$1,956.70
Paid Treasurer	\$1,220.70
Abated	556.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1946	180.00
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	\$1,956.70

1943 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	117.55
Interest	11.19
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	\$128.74
Paid Treasurer	\$126.74
Abated	2.00
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	\$128.74

1944 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1945	\$562.19
Committed Jan., 1945	12.00
Interest	12.44
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	\$586.63
Paid Treasurer	\$444.99
Abated	18.01
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1946	123.63
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	\$586.63

1945 EXCISE TAX

Committed	\$3,916.61
Interest12
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	\$3,916.73
Paid Treasurer	\$3,135.12
Abated	59.64
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1946	721.97
	<hr/>
	\$3,916.73

SUMMARY OF COLLECTOR'S REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1946

Total Debits

1943 Town Tax	\$5,995.32
1944 Town Tax	15,862.49
1945 Town Tax	105,753.37
1943 Personal Tax	503.13
1944 Personal Tax	1,046.17
1945 Personal Tax	15,362.71
1943 Poll Tax	31.05
1944 Poll Tax	157.33
1945 Poll Tax	1,956.70
1943 Excise Tax	128.74
1944 Excise Tax	586.63
1945 Excise Tax	3,916.73
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	\$151,300.37

Total Credits

Paid Treasurer	122,179.21
Abated	1,617.46
Tax Titles	56.32
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1946	27,447.38
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	\$151,300.37

CARRIE M. DURKEE,

Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF TOWN NURSE

January 4, 1946

To the Board of Health
Acton, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1945, with services as follows:

Bedside calls	2010
Child welfare	200
Pre-natal	186
Post-natal	210
Night calls	175

Over 200 hours of night nursing was done in 1945.

Four patients x-rayed and examined at the Middlesex County Sanatorium in Waltham. Eight were taken to the Emerson Hospital for various causes. Two taken to Lakeville Sanatorium for X-rays.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian F. Taylor, R. N.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1945:

Barns Visited	47
Cows	286
Bulls	18
Young Cattle	78
Sheep	2
Goats	27
Hogs	79
Dog Bites	16
Dogs Quarantined	15

One case of dog bite occurred in the dark hours of early morning and the dog could not be identified.

Rabies	0
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Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST E. ALLSOPP.

Inspector of Animals.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1945

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Acton, Massachusetts:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1945.

Cash Balance, January 1, 1945	\$93,582.31
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Receipts for 1945:

Received from State Treasurer:

Highways	\$ 7,355.57	
Old Age Assistance	17,883.83	
Highways, Chapter 90	2,799.45	
Old Age Assistance, Federal....	11,596.77	
Aid Dependent Children, Federal	432.35	
Highways, Chapter 569	6,708.60	
Income Tax	16,170.00	
Corporation Tax	16,080.51	
Meal Tax	921.20	
Reimbursement Loss of Taxes..	619.44	
Aid Dependent Taxes	675.59	
Tuition	449.05	
Snow Removal	3,842.94	
		\$85,535.30

Received from County Treasurer:

Highways	\$ 2,079.75	
Dog Account, Refund	769.15	
Dog Officer, Refund	216.00	
Concord Road	719.70	
		\$ 3,784.60

Received from Carrie M. Durkee,

Collector of Taxes:

Poll, 1943	\$ 26.00	
Excise, 1943	115.55	
Personal, 1943	470.03	
Town, 1943 ...	5,617.51	
Poll, 1944	114.00	

Excise, 1944	432.55	
Personal, 1944	494.09	
Town, 1944	9,318.13	
Poll, 1945	1,220.00	
Excise, 1945	3,135.00	
Personal, 1945	13,483.54	
Town, 1945	87,011.30	
Interest	728.56	
Costs	12.95	
	<hr/>	\$122,179.21

Miscellaneous Receipts:

Lester A. Sebastian, License ...	\$	400.00
Dewey Boatman, License		400.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, Dog Licenses .		927.60
Selectmen, Licenses		34.00
City of Somerville, Old Age Assistance		126.66
Elwin Hollowell, Care Lots, Woodlawn		210.00
Elwin Hollowell, Foundations ..		94.88
Arthur F. Davis, Library Fines		33.76
Jacob Stoler, Advertisement		4.13
City of Cambridge, Welfare ...		226.83
Board of Health, Licenses		31.00
Marjorie Allen, Surplus Revenue		100.00
W. Stuart Allen, Surplus Revenue		400.00
Wallace Conant, Surplus Revenue		29.95
Murray Brown, Surplus Revenue		100.00
Lowell Cram, Surplus Revenue		17.67
John S. White, Surplus Revenue		75.00
Webster S. Blanchard, Surplus Revenue		189.84
Concord Dist. Court, Fines		206.85
Board of Health, Nurse Services		352.50
Harry Holt, Rent of Hall		539.50
Hannah Goward, Surplus Revenue		500.00
Howard Billings, Surplus Revenue		200.00
Chester Robbins, Surplus Revenue		100.00

Fred Kennedy, Care Lots	
Mt. Hope	315.00
Fred Kennedy, Burials	483.00
Fred Kennedy, Lowering Device	63.00
Fred Kennedy, Miscellaneous ..	38.00
Fred Kennedy, Sale Lots	
Mt. Hope	30.00
James Mollison, L. Mollison,	
Tuition	185.73
Est. Edwin Phalen, Surplus	
Revenue	100.00
Town of Ashland, Old Age Assist.	48.59
Horace F. Tuttle, Sale of Lots	
Woodlawn	60.00
Cemetery Fund, Transfer	800.00
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund,	
Transfer	2,000.00
Lester A. Sebastian, Surplus	
Revenue	100.00
Mary Lothrop, Library Fines ..	60.21
Mary Lothrop, Sale Rug	12.00
Carl E. Anderson, Sealer Weights	65.42
Ethel Rawitser, Surplus Revenue	100.00
Mary Lothrop, Sale Books	14.75
Boston and Maine R. R.	
Snow Removal	20.00
Harry Holt, Telephone Calls ...	3.20
Mary Lothrop, Miscellaneous ..	4.90
Fred Kennedy, Foundations	78.50
Town of Concord, Land Tax ...	27.96
Town of Marblehead, Old Age	
Assistance	128.40
Town of Wrentham, Old Age	
Assistance	171.45
Town of Acton, Machinery Acct.	390.08
Town of Ashland, Old Age	
Assistance	78.10
Memorial Library Fund, Trans. .	321.51
Cemetery Surplus Fund, Trans. .	325.00
Town of Acton, Withhold. Taxes	1,879.36

Central Savings Bank, Cemetery Fund	18.75	
Lowell Inst. Savings, Eliz White Fund	15.00	
City of Boston, Welfare	119.67	
Town of Acton, Blue Cross	37.10	
Medford Savings, Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	22.50	
Carrie M. Durkee, Perpetual Care, Mt. Hope	100.00	
Wildey Savings, Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	18.75	
Town of Acton, Teacher's Retirement	429.00	
Selectmen, Maps	.50	
Carrie M. Durkee, Certificate Liens	48.00	
Acton High School, Ind. Arts Fund	121.85	
Acton High School, Library Fund	13.67	
Michael Foley, Revolver Permits	7.50	
Michael Foley, Bicycle Registrations	6.75	
Town of Westford, Schools	424.39	
Georgia E. Whitney, Fund Transfer	75.00	
Elizabeth White Fund, Transfer	285.00	
Acton High School, Miscellaneous	2.10	
Albert W. Locke, Perpetual Care, Mt. Hope	100.00	
Town of Boxboro, Schools	2,500.00	
Town of Boxboro, Welfare	95.14	
Luke Blanchard Fund, Transfer	25.00	
Theron A. Lowden, Ins. Refund	4.87	
	<hr/>	\$ 17,674.87
Total Cash Receipts		\$229,173.98
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1945		93,582.31
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Sum Total for 1945		\$322,756.29

Payments for 1945		
Selectmen's Orders	\$214,148.98	
State Taxes	667.21	
	<hr/>	\$214,816.19
Cash Balance December 31, 1945		\$107,940.10

OUTSTANDING NOTES AND BONDS

High School Addition Notes,		
165-176 due 1946 to 1957		\$ 12,000.00
Departmental Equipment Loan,		
note 182 due 1946		1,000.00

SUSAN NOYES HOSMER FUND

Balance January 1, 1945		
Principal Fund	\$82,238.95	
Unexpended Balance	1,206.17	
	<hr/>	\$83,445.12
Received Interest for 1945		1,589.67
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		\$85,034.79
Balance December 31, 1945		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$83,034.79
Transferred to Town Account		2,000.00
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		\$85,034.79

CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1945		
Principal Fund	\$48,737.21	
Unexpended Balance	1,422.48	
	<hr/>	\$50,159.69
Received for Perpetual Care		
for 1945		1,400.00
Received Interest for 1945		893.36
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		\$52,453.05
Balance December 31, 1945		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$51,653.05
Transferred to Town Account		800.00
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		\$52,453.05

ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

Balance January 1, 1945		
Principal Fund	\$25,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	2,415.75	\$27,415.75
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Received Interest for 1945		554.98
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		\$27,970.73
Balance December 31, 1945		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$27,685.73
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1945		285.00
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		\$27,970.73

WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1945		
Principal Fund	\$15,846.15	
Unexpended Balance	530.64	
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Received Interest for 1945		\$16,376.79
		313.72
		\$16,690.51
Balance December 31, 1945		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$16,369.00
Transferred to Town Account		321.51
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		\$16,690.51

GEORGIA E. WHITNEY FUND

Balance January 1, 1945		
Principal Fund	\$14,073.70	
Unexpended Balance	379.20	
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Received Interest for 1945		\$14,452.90
		290.11
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		\$14,743.01
Balance December 31, 1945		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$14,668.01
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1945		75.00
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		\$14,743.01

LUKE BLANCHARD CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1945

Balance	\$ 1,504.00
Received Interest for 1945	23.93

 \$ 1,527.93

Balance December 31, 1945

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 1,502.93
Transferred to Town Account	25.00

 \$ 1,527.93
CEMETERY SURPLUS

Balance January 1, 1945

Balance	\$ 1,083.78
Received Interest for 1945	16.30

 \$ 1,100.08

Balance December 31, 1945

Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 775.08
Transferred to Town Account	325.00

 \$ 1,100.08
WEST ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1945

Balance	\$ 660.49
Received Interest for 1945	13.27

 \$ 673.76

Balance December 31, 1945

Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 673.76
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ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1945

Principal Fund	\$ 2,845.00
Unexpended Balance	264.75

 \$ 1,509.38

Company Salaries for 1945	230.00
Received Interest for 1945	63.00

 \$ 3,402.75

Balance December 31, 1945

Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 3,402.75
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ACTON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1945

Principal Fund	\$ 1,500.00	
Unexpended Balance	9.38	\$ 1,509.38
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Received Interest for 1945		22.61
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		\$ 1,531.99
Balance December 31, 1945		
Balance in Savings Banks		\$ 1,531.99

HENRY S. RAYMOND FUND**MONUMENT PERPETUAL CARE**

Principal Fund	\$ 700.00
Received Interest for 1945	9.35
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	\$ 709.35
Balance December 31, 1945	
Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 709.35

HENRY S. RAYMOND FUND**PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERY LOTS**

3-4-8-22-26-27-Woodlawn

Principal Fund	\$ 700.00
Balance December 31, 1945	
Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 700.00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HENRY SOAR

Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1946

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following recommendations for the ensuing year.

We wish to call attention to the item of outlays in the School Budget of \$2750.00.

Included in this amount is \$1700.00 for the installation of a stoker for heater in the High School which we do not recommend.

It is the opinion of your Finance Committee that items such as this, being Capitol Outlay, should not be placed in the Annual Budget but should be under separate articles in the Town Warrant, so that the voters of town may decide whether or not they wish these expenditures.

When Articles of this nature are placed in the Annual Budget, it does not represent a true picture of the annual cost for the maintenance of the different departments.

We wish to express our appreciation to the different departments of the town for the assistance given to us in the new breakdown of the budget and herewith submit a comparative table of the towns in our group.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWN FINANCE COMMITTEES CHART II

1945

APPROPRIATION FOR DEPARTMENTAL MAINTENANCE

	Population 1940	Federal Census	Total Town Appropriations For	Departmental Maintenance	General Government	Protection of Persons and Property	Health and Sanitation	Highways	Charities	Soldiers Benefits	Schools	Libraries	Recreation	Pensions	Cemeteries	Unclassified
Holliston	3,000	\$161,059		7.62%	10.52%	3.26%	17.25%	21.19%	1.88%	35.24%	1.14%	.46%	.00%	.12%	1.32%
Kingston	2,783	163,708		6.98	10.67	1.75	17.05	17.47	.30	39.37	1.16	1.85	.00	.00	3.40
Sutton	2,749	132,457		6.29	2.06	1.65	14.85	20.38	1.51	46.90	.60	.06	.00	.42	5.28
Hopkinton	2,697	187,083		7.80	6.46	.88	16.18	34.89	1.60	26.74	.00	.26	.00	.32	4.87
Hanson	2,570	144,115		9.95	7.54	3.56	12.93	24.39	2.46	33.80	.69	.00	.00	.00	4.68
Groton	2,550	141,208		7.17	11.64	4.55	12.52	16.78	1.98	38.49	1.36	.35	.00	.23	4.93
Ashland	2,479	154,326		8.37	11.64	2.73	16.93	19.66	2.47	31.58	1.10	1.29	.00	2.29	1.94
Manchester	2,472	259,827		7.10	16.49	4.72	19.17	9.89	2.44	25.10	1.86	5.00	3.86	1.87	2.50
Mansfield	2,419	295,381		7.64	10.90	4.18	13.60	16.40	1.35	41.83	1.86	.64	.00	.24	1.36
Burlington	2,275	129,626		7.32	8.53	1.57	14.35	8.90	1.54	41.66	.42	.00	.00	1.92	3.79
Hull	2,167	584,170		7.99	25.72	8.55	20.53	9.48	2.09	19.48	.73	2.34	.35	.53	2.21

Acton	2,071	162,458	7.23	9.21	3.67	14.29	16.48	.64	42.61	1.04	.12	.00	1.96	2.75
Hamilton	2,037	155,832	9.75	8.07	5.30	17.75	10.25	.58	43.28	1.44	.35	.00	1.29	1.94
Norwell	1,871	115,141	8.87	5.75	1.09	20.59	17.72	1.21	43.36	.56	.40	.00	.39	.06
Lincoln	1,783	118,329	8.08	6.89	2.31	22.45	10.63	.42	42.43	1.37	.59	.00	1.06	3.77
Pembroke	1,718	148,624	6.80	7.90	2.69	21.10	18.57	.67	38.96	.54	.00	.00	.57	2.20
Littleton	1,651	106,125	6.77	16.68	3.45	16.54	11.45	1.41	32.99	2.54	.57	.00	2.07	5.53
Essex	1,389	87,412	12.91	7.30	1.84	14.05	20.04	2.00	36.59	.00	.06	.00	1.20	4.01
Topsfield	1,150	80,003	9.50	7.25	3.29	16.89	9.80	.25	44.61	.63	.97	.00	2.50	4.31
Bolton	775	48,851	6.39	3.58	2.61	19.13	24.68	.81	36.18	1.73	.00	.00	.71	4.18
Average experience of 20 towns			8.03	9.74	3.18	16.91	17.45	1.38	37.06	1.04	.77	.21	.98	3.20

Prepared by
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT
BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Therefore be it moved and

Voted: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the town, as follows:

Item	Expended 1945		Recommended 1945
1	\$ 15.00	General Government, 5.5% of total	\$ 25.00
2	75.85	Moderator	150.00
3	1,814.23	Finance or Advisory Committee:	1,800.00
4	70.85	Expenses	100.00
5	650.00	Selectmen:	650.00
6	16.19	Salaries and Wages	50.00
7	650.00	Expenses	650.00
8	232.06	Town Accountant:	250.00
9	1,208.35	Salaries and Wages	1,550.00
10	218.51	Expenses	300.00
11	1,500.00	Treasurer:	1,800.00
12	99.40	Salaries and Wages	200.00
13	325.00	Expenses	450.00
14	119.01	Town Clerk:	150.00
15	567.00	Salaries and Fees	650.00
16	117.13	Expenses	250.00
		Elections and Registration:	
		Salaries and Wages	
		Expenses	

17	Total General Government Building and Grounds, 2% of total	\$	9,545.00
18	Salaries and Wages		1,700.00
19	Expenses		1,900.00
20	Total Building and Grounds	\$	3,600.00
	Protection of Persons and Property 8.1% of total		
	Police:		
21	Chief's Salaries	\$	1,800.00
22	Chief's Special Bonus		300.00
23	Special Officers		400.00
24	Expenses including Cruiser		850.00
	Fire Department:		
25	Salaries and Wages		1,960.00
26	Expenses		1,500.00
27	Fire Hydrants (Rental)		3,275.00
28	Forest Fire		1,200.00
	Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
29	Salaries and Wages	\$	200.00
30	Expenses		25.00
	Moth Department:		
31	Salaries and Wages		700.00
32	Expenses		800.00
	Tree Warden:		
33	Salaries and Wages		750.00
34	Expenses		250.00

35		Total Protection Persons and Property		<u>\$ 14,010.00</u>
		Health and Sanitation: 2.4% of total		
36	3,979.51	Salaries and Wages	\$	3,900.00
37	133.78	Expenses	\$	100.00
38	125.00	Inspection of Animals		125.00
39	1,673.68	Garbage Disposal		
40		Total Health and Sanitation	\$	<u>4,125.00</u>
		Highways: 15.6% of total		
41	1,534.99	Village Roads	\$	1,450.00
42	14,249.07	Chapter 81	\$	8,550.00
43	5,398.46	Chapter 90		3,000.00
44	9,999.40	Snow Removal		10,000.00
45	3,443.19	Street Lighting		3,900.00
46		Total Highways	\$	<u>26,900.00</u>
		Charities, 17.5% of total		
		General Relief:		
47	2,739.00	Salaries and Wages	\$	625.00
48	648.64	Expenditures		4,000.00
		Old Age Assistance:		
49	33,212.22	Expenditures		23,000.00
		Aid to Dependent Children:		
50	2,320.69	Expenditures		2,500.00
51		Total Charities	\$	<u>30,125.00</u>
		Veterans Benefits: 6/10 of 1% of total		

52	Salaries and Wages	50.00	\$	50.00
53	Expenditure	314.60		1,000.00
54				
	Total Veterans' Benefits'			
	Education: 42.6% of total			1,050.00
	Superintendents', Principals' and Teachers'			
	Salaries and Janitor Wages			
55	Fuel	49,358.72	\$	53,954.00
56	Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund	2,253.64		2,400.00
57	Miscellaneous Expenses	217.50		231.50
58	Text Books and Supplies	4,933.59		600.00
59	Transportation	4,993.50		4,800.00
60	Vocational Education	72.40		4,750.00
61	Janitors' Supplies and Power	1,928.29		300.00
62	Outlays	2,246.09		2,680.00
63	General Maintenance	1,815.76		1,050.00
64	Library	293.73		2,000.00
65	Health	250.00		400.00
66				300.00
67	Total Education		\$	73,465.50
	Libraries: 1% of total			
68	Salaries and Wages	\$ 695.43	\$	800.00
69	Expenses	606.82		800.00
70	Books	200.00		200.00
71	Total Libraries		\$	1,800.00

Recreation: $\frac{3}{10}$ of 1% of total
Playgrounds:

72	140.00	Expense	600.00
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Total Recreation

	\$	600.00
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Unclassified: 1% of total

73	330.03		\$	600.00
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Miscellaneous Expenses

74	472.20		\$	500.00
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Town Reports

75	689.36			400.00
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Workman's Compensation

76	233.00			700.00
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Surety Bonds

77				255.00
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Total Unclassified

	\$	1,855.00
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Cemeteries: 1.8% of total

78	2,411.37		\$	1,855.00
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Salaries and Wages

79	314.59		\$	2,500.00
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Expenses

80				500.00
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Total Cemeteries

	\$	3,000.00
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Maturing Debt and Interest: 1.3% of total

81	3,000.00		\$	3,000.00
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Maturing Debt

82	255.00		\$	2,000.00
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Interest, Maturing Debt

83				190.00
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Total Debt and Interest

	\$	2,190.00
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Total Budget Recommendations

84			\$	172,265.50
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Total recommended, Special Articles

85				9,800.00
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86	Total, all recommendations	\$ 182,065.50
87	Add estimated State Charges, County Taxes, T. B. Hospital Assessment, assessor's estimates of overlay, and all other amounts required by law to be raised	12,322.00
88	Grand total, Recommendations and Estimates	\$ 194,387.50
89	Deductions to compute estimated tax rate; estimated receipts, income corporation, gasoline taxes, from State, motor vehicle excise and other local receipts from other sources than taxation	\$ 60,817.50
90	Poll Taxes	2,000.00
91	Estimated balance to be raised by a levy on local real estate and personal property	\$ 131,570.00
	Estimated tax rate	\$ 35.50

Article 4:

Recommend appropriating \$500.00 for Memorial Day.

Article 6:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$250.00 for Dog Officer.

Article 8:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$500.00 for purchase of Town Forest land.

Article 9:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$300.00 for repairing Town Clock.

Article 10:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$150.00 administration expenses for Old Age Assistance, aid to Dependent Children and General Relief.

Article 12:

Recommend transfer from Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$450.00 for Hose Dryer in South Acton Fire House.

Article 13:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$1800.00 for Garbage Collection.

Article 14:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$250.00 for replacement Shade Trees.

Article 16:

Recommend Audit of Town Books.

Article 17:

Recommend transferring the sum of \$4500.00 from Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase of a truck for Highway Dept.

Article 18:

Recommend. No on this article until law is clarified.

Article 19:

Recommend. Pass over.

Article 20:

Recommend. Pass over.

Article 21:

Recommend transferring the sum of \$600.00 from Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase of Snow Plow.

Article 22:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$100.00 for painting traffic lines and signs.

Article 23:

Recommend. No action at this time.

Article 24:

Recommend transferring the sum of \$4200.00 from Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase of Forest Fire Truck.

Article 25:

Recommend transferring the sum of \$450.00 from Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase of Police Cruiser.

Article 26:

Recommend this article and appropriation of \$500.00 for expenses.

Article 27:

Recommend transferring the sum of \$400.00 from Surplus Revenue Account to paint the West Acton Fire House.

Article 28:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$3000.00 for new construction on Main Street.

Article 29:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$200.00 for Power Mower for Town Grounds.

Article 30:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$2500.00 from Overlay Surplus Account for Reserve Fund.

Article 31:

Recommend this article.

Article 32:

Recommend appropriation of \$200.00 for extra snow fences.

Article 33:

Recommend appropriation of \$400.00 for use of Zoning Committee.

Article 34:

Recommend appropriating the sum of \$450.00 for Sewerage Committee expenses.

Article 35:

Recommend transferring the sum of \$1000.00 from Surplus Revenue Account to purchase and erect fence on the Goward Field Playground.

NOTE: We recommend, if Articles for Capital Outlay amounting to \$11,600.00 are accepted, the expenditures be taken from Surplus Revenue Fund.

If raised and appropriated it will increase the tax rate approximately \$2.00.

The sum of \$2,224.33 was transferred in 1945 from the Reserve Fund to the following accounts:

General Government	\$	122.14	
Board of Health		329.51	
Fire Dept. Expense		69.44	
Charities, Welfare		23.64	
Cemeteries, Salaries		11.37	
Building and Grounds		229.23	
School Dept.		1,175.00	
Village Highway		86.51	
Unclassified		177.49	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,224.33

Respectfully submitted,

Precinct 1—Alden C. Flagg, W. Stuart Allen

Precinct 2—Mrs. Pauline Bursaw, William T. Merriam

Precinct 3—Albert W. Locke, Porter Jenks.

Finance Committee.

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Acton Town Forest Committee herewith submits the following report for the year 1945.

The committee wishes to report that no land was purchased with the 500.00 appropriated in 1945 (for the purpose of buying additional forest land), as we were unable to locate desirable property of an acreage that would coincide with the appropriation.

We recommend that an appropriation of 500.00 be made this year for the purpose of purchasing additional forest land, this appropriation to be used in conjunction with the \$500.00 now available.

Your town forest now totals 71 acres. It is the aim of this committee to increase this acreage substantially before replanting and thinning the existing forest land, unless an unemployment crisis arises before such time.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE A. FROST, Chairman

JAMES J. KNIGHT

ARNO H. PERKINS, Secretary

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Acton:

I herewith submit my annual report covering the financial transactions of the town for the year ended December 31, 1945.

I have included a detailed statement of the expenditures of each department and a tabulated record showing appropriations, transfers and balances as of December 31, 1945

The amount of maturing debts for 1946 amounts to \$2,000.

The surplus revenue at the end of the year shows a substantial gain over the previous year.

I have audited the books of the Collector of Taxes and verified the cash on hand. I have audited the books of the treasurer and verified the several trust funds in his custody.

I have verified the funds in the custody of trustees.

HOWARD L. JONES

Town Accountant

Appropriations and Expenditures January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945

General Government

App. Expended Balance

Selectmen's Salaries Dept.

\$ 1,800.00
R 14.23

1,814.23

Selectmen's Expenses

100.00

70.85

29.15

Finance Committee

200.00

75.85

124.15

Moderator

25.00

15.00

10.00

Town Accountant Salary

650.00

650.00

23.81

Town Accountant Expenses

40.00

16.19

Treasurer, Salary

650.00

650.00

Treasurer Expenses

200.00

232.06

7.94

Collector of Taxes, Salary

1,250.00

1,208.35

41.65

Collector of Taxes, Expenses

200.00

218.51

1.49

Assessors' Salaries

1,500.00

1,500.00

Assessors' Expenses

75.00

99.40

5.00

Town Clerk, Salary

350.00

325.00

25.00

Town Clerk, Expenses

150.00

144.01

5.99

Elections and Registration Salaries

550.00

567.00

182.87

Elections and Registration Expenses

300.00

117.13

Buildings and Grounds, Wages

900.00

1,129.23

978.58

Buildings and Grounds, Expenses

229.23

1,821.42

Protection of Persons and Property

Police, chief's salary and bonus

2,100.00

2,100.00

Police, officers' salaries

400.00

399.00

1.00

Police, expenses

850.00

838.58

11.42

Fire Dept., Salaries and wages

1,900.00

1,500.45

399.55

Fire Dept., Expenses					
Forest Fires	R	1,100.00	1,169.44		
Fire Dept. New Hose and Boxes		69.44	432.10		767.90
Hydrant Rental		1,200.00	970.80		29.20
Moth Department Wages		1,000.00	3,453.00		.66
Moth Department Expenses		700.00	699.34		5.28
Tree Warden Wages		800.00	794.72		.92
Tree Warden Expenses		700.00	699.08		11.59
Tree Replacement		300.00	288.41		
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary		250.00	250.00		
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Expenses		200.00	200.00		
		15.00			
	R	1.51	16.51		
Health and Sanitation					
Board of Health, Salaries and Wages					
		3,650.00			
	R	329.51	3,979.51		
Board of Health, annual inspection		125.00	125.00		266.22
Board of Health, Expenses		400.00	133.78		126.32
Garbage Disposal		1,800.00	1,673.68		
Highways					
Village, Wages		900.00	872.12		27.88
Village, Expenses		550.00			
	R	86.51	636.51		
Chapter 81		7,125.00			
	G	7,125.00	14,249.07		.93
Chapter 90 Maintenance		2,500.00			
Chapter 90	G	3,600.00	5,398.46		701.54
Chapter 90 Concord Road	B	2,159.21	2,159.10		.11
Snow Removal		10,000.00	9,999.40		.60
Road Machinery	B	76.84			
	T	875.00	583.45		368.39

Street Lighting	3,525.00	3,443.19	81.81
Power Tractor with Attachments	600.00		600.00
Building & Grounds	1,000.00	994.51	5.49
Town Roller Repairs	550.00		
Charities			
Public Welfare	4,000.00	2,739.00	1,261.00
Public Welfare Salaries	625.00		
	23.64	648.64	
Public Welfare Adm.	100.00	100.00	
Soldiers' Benefits, Salary	50.00	50.00	
Soldiers' Benefits, Expenses	1,000.00	314.60	685.40
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00		
	423.00	2,320.69	102.31
	9.35	9.35	
Aid to Dependent Children Expenses	20,000.00		
Old Age Assistance	13,535.46	33,213.22	
Old Age Assistance	451.15	451.15	322.24
Old Age Adm. Expense			
Education			
Salaries, Wages #59	50,020.00	49,358.72	661.28
Fuel #60	2,180.00		
	75.00	2,253.64	1.36
Misc. Supplies, Textbooks #62	5,100.00	4,933.59	166.41
Transportation	5,000.00	4,993.50	6.50
Vocational Education	100.00	72.40	27.60
Janitors' Supplies, Power #65	1,400.00		
	800.00	1,928.29	271.71
General Repairs, Outlays	1,950.00		
	300.00	2,246.09	3.91
Waterproofing North Wall	1,600.00	1,558.00	42.00
Fluorescent Lighting, 1944 a/c	77.80		
	1,340.20	1,418.00	

Fluorescent Lighting, 1945 a/c	1,550.00		1,550.00
Mass. Tea. Retirement Board	217.50		217.50
Library			
Maintenance	800.00		800.00
Maintenance Salaries and Wages	700.00		700.00
Library Books	200.00		200.00
Library Books	26.21	B	26.21
Library Books	321.51	T	321.51
			547.72
Cemeteries			
Salaries, Wages	2,400.00		2,400.00
Expenses	11.37	R	11.37
Compressor	400.00		400.00
Perpetual Care	400.00		400.00
	230.04	B	230.04
Blanchard Fund	1,125.00	T	1,125.00
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	25.00	T	25.00
	2,000.00	T	2,000.00
			1,327.85
			25.00
			1,986.03
			27.19
			13.97
			5.41
			193.18
			4.57
			1,550.00
			217.50
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Bonded Indebtedness

Grounds & Buildings Acton A. Holding Co.

T 4.25
B 3,000.00
6,000.00

\$199,150.09
\$11,135.51

No Appropriation Items

State Tax
State Park Tax
State Audit
County Tax
County Hospital Assessment
County Dog licenses
Tax Refunds
Mass. Teachers' Retirement
Trust Accounts
Trust Accounts Interest
Withholding Tax
Blue Cross

4,488.00
99.71
567.50
5,591.96
845.17
900.00
279.90
429.00
560.00
75.00
1,792.76
37.10

\$214,816.19

Key

B—Balances
G—Grants
R—Reserve Fund

CASH RECEIPTS AND DEPARTMENTAL PAYMENTS**Treasurer's Receipts**

Treasurer's Itemized Report	\$229,173.98	
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1945	93,582.31	\$322,756.29

Payments**GENERAL GOVERNMENT****Selectmen's Dept.****Salaries and Wages:**

George S. Braman	283.33	
Arthur W. Lee	216.68	
Lawrence Donnelly	200.00	
Virginia Milbery, senior clerk	871.66	
Marjory Davis	242.56	1,814.23

Expenses:**Middlesex County Selectmen's**

Ass'n. Dues	9.00	
Postage	31.87	
Stationery	16.32	
Advertising	4.13	
Forms	5.88	
Sundry Expenses	3.65	70.85

Finance Committee**Expenses:**

Ass'n. Dues	10.00	
Reports	27.00	
Attending meetings	38.85	75.85

Moderator**Salary**

Albert P. Durkee	15.00
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Town Accountant**Salary**

Howard L. Jones	650.00
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Expenses:

Vouchers	11.76	
Stationery50	
Postage and telephones	3.93	16.19

Treasurer

Salary		
Wm. Henry Soar		650.00
Expenses:		
Postage	150.93	
Telephone	24.40	
Stationery	41.58	
Safety Deposit Box	6.00	
Typewriter Repairs	7.00	
Sundry expenses	2.15	232.06

Collector of Taxes

Salary:		
Carrie M. Durkee		1,208.35
Expenses:		
Postage	112.94	
Books	32.31	
Printing and forms	63.72	
Tax Title Expense	8.54	
Tax Collector's Ass'n. Dues	1.00	218.51

Assessors

Salaries:		
Albert P. Durkee	500.00	
Carl E. Flint	500.00	
James W. Baker	500.00	1,500.00
Expenses:		
Assessors Ass'n. Dues	6.00	
Books and forms	16.87	
Notices of transfers	25.53	
Tax Tables	1.00	
Attending Meetings	50.00	99.40

Town Clerk

Salary:		
Harlan E. Tuttle		325.00
Expenses:		
Maps	4.51	
Forms	2.00	
Recording Vital Statistics	88.50	

Telephone	20.00	
Postage	18.00	
Repairing Typewriter	8.00	
Ass'n. Dues	3.00	144.01

Election and Registration

Salaries:

Election Officers	72.00	
James B. Wilson, registrar	150.00	
Wm. B. Feeley, registrar	150.00	
Harlan E. Tuttle	35.00	
Harlan E. Tuttle	125.00	
Robert Willett, posting warrants	5.00	
Iver Pederson, notifying officers	5.00	567.00
James W. Coughlin, registrar	25.00	

Expenses:

Rent	12.00	
Cards	48.86	
Printing	46.14	
Looseleaf Sheets	10.13	117.13

Buildings and Grounds

Salaries and Wages:

Harry Holt, custodian	624.00	
Harry Holt, care of grounds	484.23	
Fred Kennedy, care of common at W. Acton	15.00	
Ole Garthe	6.00	1,129.23

Expenses:

Heat	549.23
Light	291.13
Telephone	45.65
2 doors	34.58
Cleaning bronze plates	12.00
Installing lights, highways-buildings	121.32
Outside light installed	8.67
Cleaning cesspool	28.00
Water	15.32
Insurance on high school building.....	240.00

Work on town clock	33.00	
Stove	10.00	
Dust down	19.75	
Hardware and tools	51.03	
Paint and brushes	16.67	
Wax	5.55	
Kerosene	5.30	
Lumber	96.28	
Towels	20.45	
Flags	12.62	
2 lanterns	3.90	
Hauling leaves	10.60	
Wiring	28.59	
Boiler inspection	5.00	
Repairs to Fire House	12.40	
Repairs	51.79	
Lights, batteries	20.80	
Sharpening and repairing lawn mowers	69.50	
Rope	2.29	
	<hr/>	1,821.42

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:

Salaries and wages:

Michael Foley, salary	\$1,800.00	
Michael Foley, bonus	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,100.00
Special officers		399.00

Expenses:

Auto Repairs	\$241.66
Gas and oil	267.63
Telephone	112.24
Servicing radio	88.95
Antenna installed	25.00
Uniform	50.30
Signs	10.98
Insurance	14.25
Repairing typewriter	9.00
Cleaning blankets	1.50
Batteries	4.32
Cartridges	7.00

Books	2.20	
Sundry expenses	3.55	
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		838.58

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

Annual salaries	\$460.00	
Wages for fires	680.45	
Janitors	360.00	
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		1,500.45

Expenses:

Heat	\$314.55	
Lights	139.50	
Telephone	97.71	
Gas and oil	43.50	
Towel service	14.00	
Water	36.00	
Paint and brush	8.80	
Batteries	3.65	
Printing	16.28	
Stove pipe	5.18	
Door	9.63	
Labor on door	3.75	
Pipe and fittings	4.50	
Gloves	8.10	
Manuals	4.00	
Flag	4.50	
Repairing door	6.75	
Parts for whistle and labor	48.70	
New equipment	212.55	
Repairs on equipment	187.79	
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		1,169.44

FOREST FIRES

Wages:

Fighting fires		432.10
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Fire Boxes and New Hose:

Installing 4 new boxes	\$520.00	
400 ft. new hose	450.80	
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		970.80

Expenses:

HYDRANTS

Town of Concord	\$253.00	
West and South Water Supply District	3,200.00	
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		3,453.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary:

Carl E. Anderson, includes transportation	200.00
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Expenses:

Advertising	\$4.00	
Books, seals and dies	12.51	
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		16.51

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Wages:

Superintendent	\$435.10	
Labor	264.24	
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		699.34

Expenses:

Truck	\$137.40	
Gas and oil	91.13	
Truck registration	2.00	
Spraying material	459.71	
Battery	14.95	
Rim, plugs, and tire	11.36	
Attending meeting	3.50	
Hose couplings	31.74	
Shade tree gun	16.00	
Tools	7.72	
Telephone	4.25	
Fire guard	10.50	
Sundry expenses	4.46	
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		794.72

TREE WARDEN

Wages:

Superintendent	\$573.80	
Labor	125.28	
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		699.08

Expenses:

Truck	\$187.80	
Rope and saws	24.62	
Sign	3.00	

Sharpening tools	17.70	
Belt	15.50	
Rope	14.97	
Tools	22.32	
Parts	2.50	
	<hr/>	288.41

SPECIAL FOR TREE REPLACEMENT

Wages:

Superintendent	\$70.30	
Labor	14.40	
Truck	22.20	
Kirkegard's Nurseries, trees	143.10	
	<hr/>	250.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION
BOARD OF HEALTH

Salaries and Wages:

Lowell H. Cram, clerk	\$15.00	
Lillian Taylor, town nurse, includes transportation	2,334.96	
Special nurses, includes transportation	737.50	
Labor at town dump	710.40	
Dr. E. A. Mayell, professional services	142.00	
E. E. Allsopp, agent	39.65	
	<hr/>	3,979.51

Expenses:

Medical supplies	\$101.62	
Postage and telephone	3.12	
Stationery	2.67	
Inspection, issuing licenses, permits	22.90	
Repairing pump	2.50	
Gasoline97	
	<hr/>	133.78

CATTLE INSPECTOR

Salary:

Ernest E. Allsopp	125.00
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GARBAGE COLLECTION

Collection of garbage as per contracts	\$1,640.00
Advertising	17.93
Postage, telephone and stenographic services	15.75

1,673.68

HIGHWAYS

Village

Wages:

Superintendent	\$264.00
Labor	608.12

872.12

Expenses:

Trucks	\$332.90
Signs	21.50
Drop light	4.75
Forge blower	10.00
Tools	37.08
Telephone	40.06
Paint, gas, oil, anti freeze	146.06
Pipe	3.20
Zinc sulphate	6.75
Posts	1.71
Sharpening tools	6.50
Stationery	7.35
Sundry items	18.65

636.51

Chapter 81

Wages:

Superintendent	\$1,196.00
Labor	2,891.96

Expenses:

Trucks	2,444.19
Stone and Dust	1,932.84
Oil and tar	3,439.33
Rental of equipment	310.89
Hauling stone and dust	1,734.80
Gravel	51.00
Pipe	113.95
Frames, covers	93.93
Bolts, washers	40.18

14,249.07

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Wages:

Superintendent	\$304.00
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Labor	837.79
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Expenses:

Trucks	484.77
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Stone and dust	1,493.73
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Oil and tar	1,366.97
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Rental of equipment	653.05
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Hauling stone and dust	258.15
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 5,398.46

Chapter 90 Concord Road

Wages:

Superintendent	\$120.00
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Labor	712.16
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Expenses:

Trucks	197.20
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Rental of equipment	976.13
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Guard Rail Posts	78.00
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Bars	12.81
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Lumber and Cement	62.80
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 2,159.10

Snow Removal

Wages:

Superintendent	\$644.00
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Labor	1,912.30
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Expenses:

Trucks	1,962.27
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Plowing snow	4,388.00
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Sand	465.94
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Salt	157.35
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Bolts	39.14
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Parts and repairs	102.95
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Equipment rental	32.99
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Blades	110.34
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Labor on plows and sander	56.10
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Shovels and blades	118.68
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Gas, oil	9.34
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Road Machinery

Road drags	\$25.21
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 \$9,992.40

Steel brooms	11.76	
Parts and labor on grader	210.54	
Cent. pump	131.48	
Tools	12.96	
Stone drag	10.00	
Gasoline	46.00	
Repairs	33.00	
Parts	71.67	
Welding	10.00	
Paint	4.90	
Sundry items	15.93	
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		583.45

Street Lighting

Boston Edison Co.	3,443.19
Town Roller Repairs	550.00

Buildings

Wages:

Superintendent	\$24.00
Labor	522.00

Expenses:

Trucks	53.60
Shingles, nails, etc.	289.41
Paint and brushes	104.50
Filing saws	1.00

 994.51

CHARITIES

Public Welfare

Temporary Aid:

Cash to individuals	\$655.75
Provisions	178.33
Fuel	72.95
Medical aid	43.01
Relief by other cities and towns	1,788.96

 2,739.00

Salaries and Wages:

Benjamin Ineson	\$125.00
Mary Laffin	75.00
Walter Stevens	75.00
Virginia Milbery, clerk	373.64

 648.64

Administration Account:

Greater Boston Community Council of Social Agencies	\$8.00	
Forms	6.75	
Attending meetings	85.25	
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		100.00

Old Age Assistance:

Cash aid	\$18,873.04	
Indirect payments	331.32	
Aid by other cities and towns	473.40	

U. S. Grant:

Cash aid	13,535.46	
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		33,213.22

Administration Account:

U. S. Grant:

Salary and expenses		451.15
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Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash aid	\$1,897.69	
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U. S. Grant:

Cash aid	423.00	
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		2,320.69

Administration Account:

U. S. Grant:

Salary and expenses		9.35
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Soldiers' Benefits:

Salaries:

Waldo J. Flint, agent		50.00
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Medical and hospital aid	\$57.00	
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Fuel	22.50	
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Clothing	5.05	
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Rent	39.80	
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Transportation, several trips to hospital	70.25	
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State Aid:

Cash aid	120.00	
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		314.60

EDUCATION

No. 59 Salaries and Wages	49,358.72	
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No. 60 Fuel	2,263.64	
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No. 61 Mass. Retirement Board	217.50	
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No. 62 Misc. expense, supplies, textbooks	4,933.59	
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No. 63 Transportation	4,993.50	
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No. 64 Vocational education	72.40
No. 65 Janitors' supplies, power	1,928.29
No. 66 General repairs, outlays	2,246.09
Waterproofing north wall	1,558.00
Fluorescent lighting	1,418.00

LIBRARIES

Salaries—Wages:

Librarian	\$198.00
Assistant librarian	99.00
Janitor	148.50
Binding and repairing books	34.33

Branch Libraries

Librarians	200.00
Janitor	15.60

 695.43

Expenses:

Heat	\$330.42
Lights	41.90
Postage	1.40
Insurance	49.68
Water	12.00
Curtains	42.00
Cards, slips, labels, etc.	30.16
Lock	7.50

Branch Libraries

Lights	7.91
Fuel	33.85
Cleaning	6.00
Transportation of books	44.00

 606.82

Books:

New books and magazines	547.72
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CEMETERIES

Wages:

Superintendent	\$1,480.33
Labor	931.04

 2,411.37

Expenses:

Loam	\$10.00
Paint	11.90
Lumber	25.14

Tools	16.46	
Water	21.09	
Gas and oil	28.27	
Fertilizer	40.00	
Lawn seed	20.37	
Cement	11.05	
Repairing mowers	30.41	
Stationery	6.50	
Postage and telephone	15.60	
Lighting	17.25	
Flowers	10.70	
Trees and shrubs	25.00	
Load of stone	4.00	
Disinfectant	5.46	
Bolts, nuts, etc	3.39	
Trucks	92.00	
	<hr/>	394.59
Compressor		400.00

Perpetual Care

Wages:

Superintendent	\$868.50	
Labor	371.70	
Flowers	72.65	
Trucking	15.00	
	<hr/>	1,327.85

Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund

Care of lot	25.00
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Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund

Wages:

Superintendent	\$765.00
Labor	59.04
Tar	497.76
Dust	49.70
Flowers	23.48
Trucks	192.75
Weed killer	38.00
Loam	10.00
Gasoline	18.70
Cement	4.75
Filling in graves	15.00
Repairing mowers	3.50

Work on shade trees	305.00	
Sundry expense	3.35	
	<hr/>	1,986.03

UNCLASSIFIED

Unclassified Account:

Wages:

Clerical work	\$56.65	
Perambulating town lines	45.00	
Delivering Town Reports	16.25	
Pay roll — emergency rescue work	85.00	
Professional services	41.25	
Flags	25.95	
Desk and chair	12.00	
Maps	1.50	
Writing easements	5.00	
Printing	10.53	
Repairing typewriter	9.00	
Postage	9.50	
Sundry items	12.40	
	<hr/>	330.03

Memorial Day:

Music	\$125.00	
Flags	41.75	
Flowers and wreaths	90.10	
Refreshments	7.38	
Sundry expense	1.70	
	<hr/>	265.93

Recreation: Playgrounds

Jones Field

Wages:

Superintendent	\$16.00	
Labor	12.80	
Trucks	34.40	
	<hr/>	\$63.20

Goward Field

Trucks	76.80	
	<hr/>	140.00

Purchase of land and buildings from

Acton Agricultural Holding Co.	6,000.00
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Dog Officer:

Wages:

Arthur Fraser	\$78.97
Printing	3.03
Keeping and destroying 42 dogs.....	168.00

 250.00

Rationing Board:

Wages:

Clerks	\$672.82
Telephone	65.55
Stationery	14.42
Moving cabinets	2.50

 755.29

Committee on Public Safety:

Wages:

Clerks	\$264.80
Telephone	5.85
Bond	5.00

 275.65

Town Reports:

Printing 1,000	472.20
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Bonds:

Treasurer's Bonds	\$96.50
Collector of Taxes	123.00
Town Clerk	7.50
Deputy Collector	5.00

 232.00

Liability Insurance:

Premium	\$689.36
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Notes and Bonds:

High School Bond	\$1,000.00
High School Addition Bond	1,000.00
Fire Truck Note	1,000.00

 \$3,000.00

Interest on Notes and Bonds:

Interest on High School Bonds	\$40.00
Interest on High School Addition Bonds	195.00
Interest on Fire Truck Notes	20.00

 255.00

NO APPROPRIATION ITEMS

State Tax	\$4,488.00
State Park Tax	99.71
State Audit	567.50
County Tax	5,591.96
County Hospital Assessment	845.17
County Dog Licenses	900.00
Tax Refunds	279.90
Mass. Teachers Retirement	429.00
Trust Accounts	560.00
Trust Accounts Interest	75.00
Withholding Tax	1,792.76
Blue Cross	37.10

 \$214,816.19

Cash balance December 31, 1945	107,940.10
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 \$322,756.29

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Selectmen's Dept. Salaries	\$14.23
Treasurer Expense Account	40.00
Collector of Taxes Expense Account	20.00
Assessors' Expense Account	29.40
Election & Registration Salaries	17.00
Buildings & Grounds, Wages	229.23
Fire Department, expenses	69.44
Village Highways, expenses	86.51
Sealer of Weights & Measure, expenses	1.51
Board of Health, Salaries	329.51
Public Welfare, Wages	23.64
Fuel Account, School Dept.	75.00
Janitors' Supplies and Power, School Dept.	800.00
Repairs and Outlays, School Dept.	300.00
Cemetery, Wages	11.37
Town Reports	72.20
Liability Insurance	89.36
Memorial Day	15.93

 \$2,224.33

Unexpended Balance	275.67
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 2,500.00

Machinery Fund

Balance January 1, 1945	\$895.50	
Received from Rentals	390.08	
		<u>1,285.58</u>
Trans. to Road Machinery Account	\$875.00	
Balance December 31, 1945	410.58	
		<u>1,285.58</u>

Cemetery Land Fund

Balance January 1, 1945	\$673.35	
Received from Sale of Lots	90.00	
		<u>763.35</u>
Balance January 1, 1946		\$763.35

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town Treasurer.....	\$202,006.44	
In Custody of Trustees	3,465.54	
		<u>\$205,471.98</u>
Elizabeth White Charity Fund.....	\$ 27,685.73	
Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund	14,668.01	
Wilde Memorial Library Fund	16,369.00	
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	3,402.75	
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	673.76	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	51,653.05	
Cemetery Surplus Fund	775.08	
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	1,502.93	
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	83,034.79	
Charlotte Conant School Fund	1,531.99	
Henry S. Raymond		
Monument Perpetual Care Fund	709.35	
In Custody of Trustees:		
Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund	3,465.54	
		<u>\$205,471.98</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

HOWARD L. JONES, Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1945

Assets

Cash \$ 107,940.10

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1944

Polls \$ 24.00

Personal Property 539.82

Real Estate 6,167.44

6,731.26

Levy of 1945

Polls \$ 180.00

Personal Property 1,877.30

Real Estate \$17,813.22

19,870.52

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Levy of 1944..... \$ 123.63

Levy of 1945 721.97

845.60

Tax Judgment

Motor Vehicle Excise 502.62

Tax Titles and Possessions

Tax Titles \$ 181.17

Tax Title Possessions 346.21

527.38

Departmental:

State Aid \$ 120.00

Aid to Dependent Children 259.13

Old Age Assistance 214.15

593.28

State and County Aid to Highways

State 1,267.81

Debt Account

County Tax 15.60

\$138,294.17

Debt Accounts

Net Funded Debt 13,000.00

Liabilities and Reserves

County Dog Licenses	\$ 34.80
Old Age Assistance Recovery	361.21
Tailings Account	102.15
Withholding Tax	86.60
Cemetery Land Fund	763.35
Road Machinery Fund	410.58
State Assessments:	
State Park Tax	33.01
Appropriation Balances:	
Road Machinery Account	\$ 368.39
Power tractor with attachments	600.00
Fluorescent lighting	1,550.00
Post War Public Works Committee	500.00
Town Forest Committee	500.00
	<hr/> 3,518.39
Trust Fund Income:	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 27.19
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund ..	13.97
	<hr/> 41.16
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus	5,189.41
Overlays, Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1944	\$ 3,560.02
Levy of 1945	1,145.95
	<hr/> 4,705.97
Revenue Reserved until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 845.60
Tax Title	527.38
Departmental	593.28
State Aid to Highways	1,267.81
	<hr/> 3,234.07
Surplus Revenue	119,813.47
	<hr/> <hr/> \$138,294.17

Debt Accounts

School House Addition Loan	\$ 12,000.00
Fire Equipment Loan	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$ 13,000.00

REPORT OF STATE AUDITOR

December 21, 1945

To the Board of Selectmen:

Mr. George S. Braman, Chairman
Acton, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from July 4, 1944, to October 9, 1945, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from July 4, 1944, the date of the previous audit, to October 9, 1945, and report thereon as follows:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money or rendering bills for the town were examined and checked for the period covered by the audit.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The general and appropriation ledger accounts were analyzed and proved, the necessary adjusting entries were made, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town as of October 9, 1945 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's cash book and the payments as recorded were checked with the treasurer's records and with the treasury warrants.

The appropriations and transfers from the reserve fund, as recorded on the ledgers, were checked with the town

clerk's records of town meeting votes and with the finance committee's records authorizing transfers from the reserve fund.

Attention is directed to a tax judgment obtained by the town in 1935. If this judgment is determined to be uncollectible provision should be made therefor by vote of the town.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town, with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, and with the town accountant's books. The recorded payments were checked with the warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds and with the town accountant's records.

The treasurer's cash book footings were verified and the cash balance on October 9, 1945 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash on hand.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The treasurer's records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked in detail. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, and the tax titles held on October 9, 1945 were listed. The records of the Registry of Deeds with respect to tax title transactions for the period covered by the audit were checked to the treasurer's records.

The savings bank books and securities representing trust fund investments in the custody of the town treasurer were examined. The income was approved and all transactions were verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The taxes outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited.

The collector's cash books were footed, the payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book, and the abatements as recorded were compared with the

assessors' records of abatements granted.

The outstanding taxes were listed, reconciled with the town accountant's ledger, and verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts as listed are correct.

The town clerk's records of dog and sporting licenses issued were audited. The payments to the State were verified by comparison with the receipts on file, and the payments to the town treasurer were checked with the treasurer's cash book. The cash balance on October 9, 1945 was verified by actual count of the cash on hand.

The accounts of the public welfare, school, and cemetery departments, and all other departments collecting money or rendering bills for the town, were audited and reconciled with the treasurer's and the town accountant's records.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and of the collector's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the trust fund transactions.

For the cooperation received from the several town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish on behalf of my assistants and for myself to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance July 4, 1944	\$ 43,250.67	
Receipts July 4 to December 31, 1944,	157,461.47	\$200,712.14
Payments July 4 to December 31, 1944, per warrants,	\$107,129.83	
Balance December 31, 1944,	93,582.31	\$200,712.14
Balance January 1, 1945,	\$ 93,582.31	
Receipts January 1 to October 9, 1945,	120,397.21	\$213,979.52
Payments January 1 to October 9, 1945, per warrants,	\$151,069.01	
Balance October 9, 1945: The First National Bank of Ayer,	\$43,991.94	
Cash in office, verified,	18,918.57	62,910.51
		\$213,979.52

The First National Bank of Ayer

Balance October 9, 1945, per statement,		\$ 46,152.03
Balance October 9, 1945, per check register,	\$43,991.94	
Outstanding checks October 9, 1945, per list,	2,160.09	\$ 46,152.03

RECONCILIATION OF COLLECTOR'S CASH

Cash balances October 9, 1945, per tables:

Poll taxes 1944,	\$ 4.00
Personal taxes 1944,	58.81
Real estate taxes 1944,	1,157.97
Poll taxes 1945,	60.00
Personal taxes 1945,	841.29
Real estate taxes 1945,	10,892.27
Motor Vehicle excise taxes 1944,	23.22
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1945,	253.48

Interest on taxes:

Poll taxes 1944,	\$.11
Personal taxes 1944,	2.07
Real estate taxes 1944	46.09

48.27

Interest on motor vehicle

excise taxes 1944,	1.13
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Costs on poll taxes 1944,35
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\$ 13,340.79

Cash on hand October 9, 1945:

The Concord

National Bank,	\$11,244.37
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Cash in office,

verified,	2,092.06
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\$13,336.43

Cash variation October 9, 1945,	4.36
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\$13,340.79

The Concord National Bank

Balance October 9, 1945, per

statement,	\$30,957.53
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Balance October 9, 1945, per

check book,	\$11,244.37
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Outstanding checks October 9,

1945, per list,	19,713.16
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\$30,957.53

Balance Sheet — October 9, 1945

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:		State Assessments:	
Accounts Receivable:		State Parks and	
Levy of 1944:		Reservations,	\$ 132.72
Taxes:		Auditing Municipal Accounts,	567.50
Poll, \$	52.00		
Personal	647.29	County Tax,	\$700.22
Real Estate,	8,656.71	Dog Licenses—due County, ...	5,576.36
		Sale of Cemetery Land Fund,	437.00
	\$9,356.00	Road Machinery Fund,	743.35
Levy of 1945:		Old Age Assistance Recovery,	31.50
Poll, \$	876.00	Tailings,	361.21
Personal,	9,019.64	Trust Fund Income:	102.15
Real Estate,	77,102.61	Cemetery Perpetual Care	
	86,998.25	Funds,	\$ 27.19
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Susan Noyes Hosmer	
Levy of 1944,	\$ 209.01	Cemetery Fund,	741.87
Levy of 1945,	1,926.22		769.06
		Federal Grants:	
Tax Judgment—Motor		Old Age Assistance—	
Vehicle Excise		Assistance,	\$ 1,640.37
Tax Titles and Tax Possessions:		Aid to Dependent	
Tax Titles,	\$ 181.17	Children—Aid,	78.12
Tax Possessions,	346.21		1,718.49
Departmental:		Unexpended Appropriation	
		Balances,	60,050.25

Public Welfare—Temporary		
Aid,	\$ 430.14	
Old Age Assistance,	1,538.85	
Aid to Dependent Children,	172.11	
State Aid,	90.00	
		2,231.10
State and County Aid to Highways:		
State,	\$ 6,720.56	
County,	1,800.00	
Estimated Receipts to be Collected,		
		8,520.56
		12,812.07
Reserve Fund—Overlay		
Surplus,		4,622.22
Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Overlay 1944,	\$ 3,566.02	
Overlay 1945,	2,788.23	
		6,344.25
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, ..	\$ 2,135.23	
Tax Title and Tax		
Possession,	527.38	
Departmental,	2,231.10	
State and County Aid		
to Highways,	8,520.56	
		13,414.27
Revenue 1945,		364.04
Surplus Revenue,		90,759.35

\$185,993.72

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt, ...		
Fire Equipment Loan,	\$ 1,000.00	
Schoolhouse Addition Loan, ...	12,000.00	
		<u>\$13,000.00</u>

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town
Treasurer,
In Custody of Trustees,

\$ 200,825.34
3,483.04

In Custody of Town Treasurer:

Elizabeth White Charity
Fund,
Georgia E. Whitney Charity
Fund,
Charlotte Conant School
Fund,
Wilde Memorial Library Fund,
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund,
West Acton Firemen's Relief
Fund,
Cemetery Perpetual Care
Funds,
Cemetery Surplus Funds,
Luke Blanchard Cemetery
Fund,
Susan Noyes Hosmer
Cemetery Fund,

\$ 27,875.73
14,723.01
1,520.74
16,441.55
3,370.84
667.09
51,281.72
775.08
1,522.62
82,646.96

In Custody of Trustees:

Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund,

\$200,825.34
3,483.04
\$204,308.38

\$204,308.38

MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

During 1945, the same as previous war years, the work of the Middlesex County Extension Service was devoted to those projects which would help in the winning of the war.

The fact that Middlesex County farmers increased their production about one-third over pre-war years is proof that everyone did his part in the food production program. Labor on farms was the critical factor in food production and a great deal of the time was spent on finding labor and making it available. In addition to local help foreign labor was imported from Jamaica and Newfoundland and prisoners of war were used on market gardening and fruit farms.

Selective Service Boards co-operated fully in the whole program by trying to allow men to remain on farms who were absolutely essential. The Extension Service checked these farms and made reports to the local Selective Service Boards.

The usual assistance was given, such as assistance to Victory gardeners, sending out information on spray schedules for fruit growers and market gardeners and keeping farmers informed as to the regulations on farm equipment, price schedules, especially for eggs and poultry, fruits and vegetables, and help with any emergency cases upon personal request.

With the homemakers of the county, food preservation and conservation in the home were the main projects. Information was given regarding successful methods of canning and freezing of fruits and vegetables as well as meats. Due to the severe shortage of clothing materials demonstrations were continued on clothing renovation, shortcuts in clothing construction and the maintenance of sewing machines. To help with general nutrition demonstrations were given in the best use of vegetables, cooking with a minimum amount of sugar and preparation of community meals.

Boys and girls were encouraged as usual to carry on 4-H Club work and developed such projects as food production, food preservation, clothing construction and meal preparation. This work was made possible only by volunteer local leaders and the active interest of local committee members and parents.

The Middlesex County Extension Service shares with other organizations, farmers, homemakers, young people, as well as those organizations interested in agriculture, the satisfaction of knowing that during war years for the most part agricultural products of the area were available in sufficient amounts so that there was actually no food shortage in any town within the county..

(Signed) HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Director.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1945

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

Mrs. G. Howard Reed, Chairman	Term expires 1946
Mr. Waldo J. Flint	Term expires 1946
Mrs. J. Henry Engman	Term expires 1947
Mrs. Arthur Fraser	Term expires 1947
Mr. Herman H. Gatchell	Term expires 1948
Mr. Richard A. Lowden	Term expires 1948

Meetings of the School Committee

Regular meetings of the school committee are held the third Monday of each month in the high school at 8:00 P. M. Exceptions may be made during July and August.

Superintendent

Richard B. Greenman

Office—High School Building, Telephone 110

School Physician Ernest A. Mayell, M. D.
East Acton, Telephone 345-3

School Nurse Mrs. Simon D. Taylor, R. N.
North Acton, Telephone 33-22

Attendance Officer Thomas F. Kiley
North Acton, Telephone 110

Custodians:

High School, Tel. 110 Thomas F. Kiley
Center School, Tel. 86 W. Burton Harvey
South School, Tel. 445 Kenneth Harvey
West School, Tel. 105 Ernest G. Banks

Tentative Calendar for 1946

January 2—Schools open.

February 15—Schools close.

February 25—Schools open.

April 12—Schools close.

April 22—Schools open.

May 30 and 31—Holiday (Memorial Day).

June 7—Elementary schools close.

June 14—High school graduation.

June 21—High school closes.

School Year 1946-1947

September 4—High school opens.
 September 9—Elementary schools open.
 October 25—Teachers' Convention.
 November 11—Holiday (Armistice Day).
 November 28 and 29—Thanksgiving Recess
 December 20—Schools close at noon.

1947

January 2—Schools open.
 February 21—Schools close.
 March 3—Schools open.
 April 18—Schools close.
 April 28—Schools open.
 May 30—Holiday (Memorial Day).
 June 6—Elementary schools close.
 June 13—High school graduation.
 June 20—High school closes.

No School Signal — All Schools All Day

7:00 A. M., fire whistle in all precincts—2-2-2-2.
 7:00-8:00 A. M., radio announcements over WBZ and WEEI.

STANDING RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1. **Admission to School** (as amended by vote of the school committee November 2, 1943).

Children shall not be admitted to the public schools unless they are 5 years, 9 months of age on or before September 1. Ordinarily, entrance must come during the first two weeks of school. All children entering for the first time must present birth and vaccination certificates.

2. **School Sessions**

The total length of sessions shall be $5\frac{1}{4}$ hours in the elementary schools and 6 hours in the high school, with sufficient recesses. The doors of schools shall not be opened to pupils except by the principals, or persons delegated by the principals.

3. **School Buses**

All pupils living a mile or more away from the schools they attend are entitled to bus transportation. Bus pupils must meet the bus schedule and, while on the bus, conduct themselves properly.

4. **Excuses for Absence and Tardiness** (as amended by vote

of the school committee January, 1944).

Pupils are expected to attend school regularly except for illness. They must present a written excuse signed by parent or guardian stating a definite reason for each absence or tardiness. ,

5. Detention

Pupils may be detained after school in the afternoon not longer than 30 minutes in the elementary schools and for a longer period in the high school.

6. Contagious Diseases, State Laws: Chapter 71, Section 55: Chapter 76, Section 15:

"A child from a household where a person is ill with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, or any other infectious or contagious disease, or from a household exposed to contagion from any such disease in another household, shall not attend any public school during such illness or exposure until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the local board of health, school physician, or from the attending physician, stating that danger of conveying such disease by such child has passed."

7. School Property

Pupils shall be held responsible for books loaned to them by the school authorities and shall not mar or injure any form of school property.

8. Fire Drill (as amended by vote of the school committee January, 1944).

Fire Drills shall be held at least once a month in all schools.

TEACHERS IN SERVICE

as of January 1, 1946

	Appt.	Graduate of	Home Address
Center School			
*Dardena Berry (Mrs.) Prin.	1943	Framingham Normal	Acton
Edith Hatch (Mrs.)	1945	Fitchburg Normal	Acton
Mildred Roberts, B. S. E.	1945	Boston University	Maine
South School			
Julia McCarthy, Prin.	1906	Fitchburg Normal	So. Acton
Florence Merriam	1927	Fitchburg Normal	So. Acton
Dorothy Hughes, B. S. E.	1945	Fitchburg State Col.	Fitchburg
West School			
*Carrie Wells (Mrs.) Prin.	1943	Fitchburg Normal	So. Acton
Helga Archer (Mrs.)	1943	Fitchburg Normal	Stow
Carolyn Douglas (Mrs.) B. S. E.	1940	Fitchburg State Col.	So. Acton
High School			
Richard B. Greenman, Prin. A. B., Ed. M.	1935	Harvard University	So. Acton
Walter W. Holt, Vice-Prin. of S. H. S., B. S., M. A.	1928	Dartmouth College	E. Acton
**William O'Connell, B. S. E. Vice-Prin. of J.H.S.	1945	Boston University	Salem
Lydia Abbott, A. B.	1942	Colby College	Maine
Mary Emerson, (Mrs.) B. S.	1943	Univ. of New Hamp.	So. Acton
Mary Hogan, B. S. E.	1945	Boston University	Springfield
Henry Hopkinson, L. L. B.	1930	Northeastern Law	W. Acton
Ann Horrigan, A. B.	1944	Regis College	Arlington
Marjorie Jones, B. S.	1931	Simmons College	So. Acton
Norma Leppanen, A. B.	1943	Colby College	Ashburn'm
John Mitchell, B. S. E.	1939	Fitchburg State Col.	Worcester
Alfred Pullano, B. S.	1946	R. I. State College	R. I.
Marion Towne, A. B.	1921	Smith College	Concord
Supervisors			
Dorothy Beers, B. S. P. E.	1943	B. U. Sargent Col.	Lexington
Jeanne Toohey (Mrs.)	1943	Mass. School of Art	W. Concord
Charles K. Yeremian	1941	Longy School of Mu.	Watertown
*Acting Principal			
**Acting Vice-Principal			

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Voters of Acton:

The School Committee presents its report for the year 1945 with that of the superintendent, which has been accepted by the committee.

In March, Mr. Herman Gatchell was elected a new member and Mr. Richard Lowden re-elected for a term of three years.

Three projects included in the 1945 budget have been completed, namely; Waterproofing of the North Wall and Installation of Ventilator Fan in the High School, and Chain Link fence at the Centre School on Route 27.

The contract for the Fluorescent Lighting in the remainder of the Grade School classrooms was awarded, but could not be carried out before the close of the year.

Under general repairs quite a large sum was expended for wiring at the High School and necessary work on the heaters at the West and Centre Schools.

The proposed budget for 1946 again calls for an increase. This may be explained in part as follows: automatic heat and needed equipment for the kitchen at the High School, maps and globes for the whole system and salary increases.

A special article is again to be in the Town Warrant relative to the Elementary School situation.

The committee still favors professional advancement and has set aside a certain amount for this purpose.

With 1946, Miss Julia McCarthy, principal of the South Acton School, completes forty years of splendid service in the School Department of Acton.

The Committee asks that you appropriate the sum of \$75,165.50 for 1946.

MARION C. REED;
Chairman.

Comparison of Net Cost of Acton Schools

Received by Town Treasurer on account of schools:

	1944	1945
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
General School Fund, Part I		
(State aid on account of teachers' salaries)	\$ 4,820.00	\$ 4,620.00
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards (full)	1,214.45	449.05
Vocational Education	39.06	
Leroy Mollison		136.46
City of Boston, tuition of wards	150.89	
Town of Boxboro, tuition	3,127.92	2,502.40
Town of Westford, tuition	334.31	424.39
Acton High School		
Conant Library	8.71	13.67
Ind. Arts Shop	22.87	121.85
Miscellaneous		2.10
Total Received	\$9,718.21	\$ 8,269.92
Appropriated for schools	64,252.88	71,710.50
Spent from appropriation	62,745.89	68,979.73
Received by town treasurer	9,718.21	8,269.92
Net cost	\$53,027.68	\$60,709.81

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 1946

	1945 Appropriated	1946 Proposed
General Expenses		
Supt. of Schools, Clerk, (1945-46) and office expense	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,100.00
Expense of Instruction		
Salaries of teachers, principals, and supervisors	42,500.00	45,454.00
Textbooks	2,500.00	1,400.00
Stationery and Miscellaneous Supplies	1,400.00	3,400.00

Expenses of Operating School Plant		
Wages of Janitors	5,520.00	5,900.00
Fuel	2,255.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous (power and janitor supplies)	2,200.00	2,680.00
Maintenance		
Repairs	1,650.00	2,000.00
Auxiliary Agencies		
Libraries	300.00	400.00
Health	300.00	300.00
Transportation	5,000.00	4,750.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		
Sundries	100.00	100.00
Vocational Education	100.00	300.00
Outlays	600.00	2,750.00
Unclassified		
Mass. Teachers' Retirement Board	217.50	231.50
Waterproofing North Wall, High School	1,600.00	
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	\$68,742.50	\$75,165.50
Special Articles		
Article 15—Balance due on installation of fluorescent lighting	77.80	
Article 16—Fluorescent lighting in elementary schools	1,550.00	
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	\$70,370.30	
Appropriation Balance, 1944	\$ 1,340.20	
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	\$71,710.50	

Stationery and miscellaneous supplies is a budget item including definite estimates for general paper and supply order, maps and globes long needed, test materials, physical education, laboratory, kitchen, shop, art, two typewriters, guidance materials, music department, book covers, and other expenses of instruction. Outlay includes definite figures on kitchen equipment, power mower, hand mower, auditorium screens, automatic heat in the high school, and an office file.

All anticipated expenses of the school department are included in a single budget, as recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Education. The amount requested is \$75,165.50.

Paid for Support for Year Ending December 31, 1945

Superintendent, Salary	\$1,999.92
Office and Traveling Expenses	643.00

Total General Control	\$2,642.92
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Expenses of Instruction

Supervisors' Salaries, Art, Music, Physical Education	\$4,604.00
High School Principal's Salary	1,400.00
High School Teachers' Salaries	21,369.49
Elementary Principals' Salaries	5,292.50
Elementary Teachers' Salaries	9,064.07

\$41,730.06

High School Textbooks	763.24
Elementary Textbooks	1,688.35
High School Stationery and Supplies	922.59
Elementary Stationery and Supplies	469.08

\$3,843.26

High School Operating Expenses

Janitor	\$2,673.28
Fuel	1,104.65
Miscellaneous	1,148.61

\$4,926.54

Elementary Operating Expenses

Janitors	\$2,760.00
Fuel	1,148.99
Miscellaneous	779.68

\$4,688.67

Total Operating Expenses	\$9,615.21
High School Maintenance and Repairs	\$1,543.61
Elementary Maintenance and Repairs	702.48
Waterproofing North Wall, High School	1,558.00

Total Maintenance and Repairs	\$3,804.09
Auxiliary Agencies	
Health, High	\$ 125.00
Health, Elementary	125.00
Libraries	297.53
Transportation	4,993.50
Vocational Education	72.40
Miscellaneous	95.26
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	\$5,708.69
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board	\$ 217.50
Fluorescent Lighting	1,418.00
Total Expended	\$68,979.73
Unexpended Balance	1,180.77
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	\$70,160.50
Appropriation Balance, Fluorescent Lighting	1,550.00
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	\$71,710.50
Appropriation Balance, 1944	\$1,340.20
Appropriation 1945	77.80
Appropriation 1945, Fluorescent Lighting	1,550.00
Appropriation 1945	67,567.50
Transfer	1,175.00
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	\$71,710.50

IN MEMORIAM

Acton Students Who Gave Their Lives in 1945

Francis J. Conroy	Graduated in 1940
Ansel R. Smart	Graduated in 1935
Robert B. Taylor	Graduated in 1938

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Acton, Massachusetts -

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is my fifth annual report, which covers the year ending December 31, 1945.

Teachers

The following new teachers were appointed in 1945:

Mrs. Edith Hatch
Miss Mildred A. Roberts
Miss Dorothy A. Hughes
Miss Mary G. Hogan
Mr. William L. O'Connell
Mr. Alfred W. Pullano

Improvement of Instruction

Public education is undergoing considerable change, with the emphasis on general education for all children in all grades, and teachers thus face an increased responsibility. As they become informed of recent improvements in methods, materials and curriculum, so the whole school department keeps pace with the needs of the students and of the community.

In 1945 a number of teachers took steps to improve instruction through in-service training:

Miss Merriam and Miss McCarthy
 3-day conference at Massachusetts State College
 1-day Air Institute at Logan Airport
Miss Hogan and Mr. O'Connell
 Boston University School of Education (fall term)
Mr. Greenman
 Harvard Graduate School of Education (fall term)

School Plant

Improvements in 1945 include waterproofing the high school north wall, which has proved to be successful, new Center School fence, fan ventilator in high school boys' toilet, repairs to heating systems in the Center and West Schools, and additional radiation in the high school.

Still waiting for attention are a number of problems in

the high school: automatic heat, leaks caused by roof flashings, redecoration of Blanchard Hall, insulation under the roof, improved lighting, and painting inside and out.

SPECIAL ARTICLE IN 1946

Again the School Committee bring to the attention of the town the need for study of the school housing problem:

"To see if the town will vote to elect a School Building Committee consisting of the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and School Committee, with the Superintendent of Schools as Clerk of the School Building Committee without a vote, to survey the elementary school needs of the town, secure preliminary plans, and report on the advisability of remodeling the present elementary schools, the estimated cost of a central 8-grade elementary school, including sub-primary department, and of three new 8-grade elementary schools, including sub-primary department, one in each precinct; and to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 or any other sum for the use of the said School Building Committee, and instruct it to report to the town at the next annual or special town meeting, or act anything thereon."

Textbooks

A co-operative survey of textbooks was made with the help of the teachers, and new titles were selected after an examination of samples. The textbooks in general are up to date in all schools. New books this year include arithmetic, spelling, basic readers, supplementary readers, dictionaries, science, junior business training, algebra, health, junior high school literature and English, and French grammar.

Scholarships

Barbara Anne Barry, who entered Massachusetts State College, was awarded the \$100 Acton High School Scholarship. Contributors to the fund in 1945 were the West Acton Woman's Club, the Acton Parent-Teacher Association, and the Class of 1945. The fund balance on December 31, 1945 was \$635.38.

Nancy Anne Christofferson, who entered Simmons College, received the Acton Center Woman's Club Scholarship.

A new award, offered for the first time at the 1946 graduation, is the Bausch and Lomb Science Medal. Seniors are invited to compete for five national Bausch and Lomb science scholarships of \$1,500 each at the University of Rochester.

Two seniors are competing for the national Pepsi-Cola Scholarships, which cover full tuition and most other expenses for four college years.

Seniors are also encouraged to compete for the ten national George Westinghouse Scholarships of \$1,850 each at Carnegie Institute of Technology. Examinations are given in all parts of the country and winners are selected for general ability, engineering aptitude, and leadership qualities.

Health

Classes in standard Red Cross First Aid and Home Nursing were taught to junior and senior girls by Mrs. Charlotte Keyes and Mrs. Thelma Blood. Health classes with a modern text were taught by Miss Beers to all girls in Grades 7-12 once a week starting in September. The boys also should have health instruction. It may be possible to have dental work carried on again in the schools if a dentist can be found. Seventy-nine high school students had chest X-rays in the fall under the direction of the Middlesex Health Association and the Acton Christmas Seal Committee.

Correspondence Courses

We have been commended by the State Department of Education and the U. S. Maritime Service Institute for efforts made to plan correspondence courses so that students in service can earn credit for their regular high school diploma. Plans for several former students are now in operation.

Recommendations

1. Long range study of the school department with relation to the growth of town.
2. Separation of Grades 1 and 2 in the South and West Schools with a teacher for each grade because of large numbers.
3. Modern maps and globes in all buildings in 1946.
4. Greater efforts to meet the needs of all students in high school.

I wish to express my appreciation to School Committee members, taxpayers, teachers and all other school employees whose co-operative efforts have contributed to the well being of all the children in our public schools.

Respectfully submitted

RICHARD B. GREENMAN

Superintendent of Schools

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Center School:

The Center School opened this year with the following staff of teachers: Miss Roberts in Grades 1 and 2, Mrs. Johnson in Grades 3 and 4, and Mrs. Berry in Grades 5 and 6. The total enrollment was 80. Because the upstairs rooms are small, crowded conditions prevail. The average number of children bringing lunches is 69. Again, due to the lack of space each teacher must have her own pupils in her room every day for lunch. The average number of children buying milk is only 22. The importance of good teeth, health and good work habits are being stressed.

A small Estey organ has been purchased. It has proved very useful and is being enjoyed by the entire building. Fire drills are held monthly and Mr. Harvey has been most helpful in conducting them.

A new chain link fence has been erected along the front of the building. This has helped to keep the children out of the street.

A parents' night was held in November. The school was open for inspection at this time and the teachers were in their rooms to talk over problems with parents.

I respectfully submit for consideration the following recommendations:

1. A better heating system.
2. More adequate playground equipment.
3. Several new desks and chairs.
4. More up-to-date toilet facilities.
5. Fire escape from the rear of the building.

We appreciate the fine co-operation given us by the

parents. We are very grateful to Miss Lothrop, our Librarian at the Center Library for helping the boys and girls to become interested in reading fine books.

In closing I want to say that it is with a feeling of regret that I leave the Center School. My teaching years in Acton have been most happy ones and I wish at this time to thank every one for the many kindnesses shown me.

Ruth Johnson,
Acting Principal

South School:

I herewith submit my annual report for the South Acton School. The present enrollment is 101. Miss Merriam has 37 pupils in Grades 1 and 2. Miss McCarthy has 45 pupils in Grades 3 and 4, and Miss Hughes has 29 pupils in Grades 5 and 6. Our average milk sale is 60 bottles per day and 58 pupils bring lunches regularly. Fire drills are held monthly.

Miss Merriam and Miss McCarthy attended the three-day Teachers' Conference at Massachusetts State College at Amherst in June and also an interesting one day Air Institute held at Logan Airport under the direction of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

To date we have sold \$801.65 worth of War Savings Stamps in the year of 1945. I wish that more parents would consider the possibility of teaching children systematic saving through the purchase of War Savings Stamps. The amount each week need not be large but could be steady, thereby establishing a habit of thrift early in life.

Mr. Kenneth Harvey, the custodian, has changed the swing of doors on all toilets to permit safer entrance, and has made a second exit at the end of the girls' toilets. Both changes are a great improvement. He has also built a bicycle rack at the rear of the building. He has mounted the desks in the lunch room on strapping, making possible greater flexibility in the use of the room.

Our chief undertaking this year has been the building of a platform or stage in the lunch room. Mr. Harvey has done all the work using material found in the building. We must now find material for curtains and ways of earning money for folding chairs for the room. ,

We have added to our playground equipment by purchasing 3 baseball gloves, 2 bats, 2 baseballs, 2 soft balls, 1 volley ball, and 2 soccer balls. We subscribe to two magazines, **The National Geographic** and **Story Parade**.

I respectfully submit for consideration the following recommendations—that, in the future, playground equipment be supplied by the school department, and that some means of obtaining hot water be installed in the building.

In closing, I wish to thank my co-workers, Miss Merriam, Miss Hughes, and Mr. Harvey for their co-operation in all projects and assistance in supervision, and Mr. Greenman and the School Committee for understanding and support.

Julia L. McCarthy,
Principal

West School:

The West Acton School opened Sept. 10, 1945, with an enrollment of 95 pupils. The present enrollment is 92. There are three teachers in the building, Mrs. Wells in Grades 1 and 2 has 30 pupils, Mrs. Archer in Grades 3 and 4 has 33 pupils, and Mrs. Douglas in Grades 5 and 6 has 32 pupils. The average number of children bringing lunches at noon is 25. Fire drills are held monthly. An average of 35 bottles of chocolate milk has been sold daily since October 29. Teachers try to emphasize the importance of good health, clean talk, and good work habits. War stamps are being sold each Thursday and our aim is to increase the percentage each month. Junior Red Cross enrollment was 100%. With the money gained from the selling of seeds, a subscription for the **National Geographic Magazine** was given Grades 5 and 6. Playground equipment such as bats, balls, jump ropes and marbles were given Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The book situation has been greatly improved by bringing up to date all basic readers, and by adding new supplementary readers, spelling, science, health, and arithmetic books. We appreciate the efforts of our superintendent and the school committee in making this possible.

The mud situation on our playground was a serious one and has been greatly helped by the spreading of three loads of gravel.

A much needed radiator has been installed in the girls' basement.

I respectfully submit for consideration the following recommendations:

1. That a large closet be made to take care of books in Grades 5 and 6.
2. That six new chairs and desks be added to Grades 5 and 6.
3. That we have more playground equipment.
4. That two large chairs be purchased and placed in each classroom.

The spirit of the teachers and pupils in the West School is excellent, and we wish at this time to express our sincere thanks to the parents for their splendid co-operation.

Carrie F. Wells,
Acting Principal

REPORTS OF SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS

Conant Library

Thirty-six new books and thirty-two magazine subscriptions have been secured for the Conant Library, and a number of donations have been received.

Among these is a copy of **Prose and Poetry of England** donated by Mrs. Albert R. Jenks from the collection of her son, David. David was president of the Class of 1939 in Acton High School and was killed in action in World War II, October 1944. The Acton Memorial Library donated ten volumes of **Abraham Lincoln, A History**. Since the last report we have added a set of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia to the library.

The library is open almost every period each day for the use of the pupils who need to do reference work.

We have received a number of recommendations from members of the faculty for books to be used in correlation with their classes. These books will be purchased after January 1.

The library needs novels especially suited for the junior high pupils. We have supervised reading classes for the seventh and eighth grades. A large percentage of the seventh grade pupils have finished the books in the junior high section before the end of the year.

More biographical and autobiographical books are need-

ed for the high school pupils.

The Acton High School Library Fund of \$1500, left under the will of Miss Charlotte Conant has about \$31 available for history books.

Ann Horrigan,
Librarian

Dramatics

Since the last annual report, Acton High School has held its Declamation Contest and its Senior Play, "A Little Honey", in addition to doing intensive work on a one-act play, "Gray Bread", which was presented at the Massachusetts Drama Festival.

Plans are now being made for one-act plays to be presented in the spring.

Acton High School has no organized club for those interested in dramatics, though an active club could be a success if, in addition to other duties, one teacher had the time to work with the members during the fall months.

It is difficult to act on such a small stage as ours, and the work would be far more interesting for the pupils if new lighting equipment and stage properties were added to what the school now has.

Lydia Abbott

The Acton Junior High School pupils presented a one-act play, "Homework" to the student body in February. The play was given again at the Congregational Church party in March. We are planning to present another short play again this year.

Anne Horrigan

Music

My fifth annual report as Supervisor of Music in Acton Public Schools is herewith submitted.

I wish to recommend again, as in my last year's report, the necessity of a combined elementary system. I do not think it is necessary to list the reasons, as they appeared in detail in my 1944 annual report.

In order that my department may progress satisfactorily, it is of the utmost importance that any new elementary classroom teacher engaged should be capable of teaching music.

The proceeds of our annual Spring Festival Concert

were used to purchase the following items: trumpet, phonograph records for the elementary schools, and repairing of school owned instruments, and six music stands.

A whist-bridge party was held in November of this year when \$125 was raised for the purpose of buying uniforms for the band. Plans are in progress for another activity for this purpose.

A class of drum Majors was organized in November, but because it was held after school, it created the problem of transportation. For this reason the drum major class had to be dissolved, as pupils found it difficult to walk home on cold wintry days.

Band membership totals 24 students.

Orchestra membership totals 33 students.

Our instrumental organization is a great morale builder in our schools.

Public Performances

- a. Annual Music Festival
- b. Annual instrumental class concert
- c. High school orchestra performed for the graduation exercises.
- d. High school band performed at the bridge-whist party.
- e. High school chorus, band, and orchestra performed at several school assemblies.

The morale of all groups is excellent. I wish to express my most sincere appreciation to the superintendent and school committee, to the townspeople, and school organization for the splendid co-operation extended to me. They have all contributed to the success of the music program.

Charles K. Yeremian

Art

The art course started again this year in all grades with color and line studies. There have been several cut-out lessons which involve creative ability and design. The response in some of the representation lessons was most satisfactory as to originality and technique in the high school and grades.

Poster awards were won and sent to us by the Mass. Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Students have a great fondness for the pastel work,

so we will do more with them soon. A finger paint set has been ordered recently and we should have some students who will acquire skill with them.

Two of the very large water color murals made by grade 5 and 6 in Acton Center are being saved with the hope that they might be made permanent with the use of shellac.

Jeanne Toohey

Commercial Department

For the school year 1944-45 this department was under the direction of Miss Margaret Boornazian. During this time the average rate of speed for one-minute timed tests was fifty words a minute without error and the maximum rate attained by one pupil was ninety-four words a minute. The shorthand classes were taught exclusively as a skilled course including much theory work. The students satisfactorily completing the first-year course were advanced to second year where they were taught more theory and completely skilled work.

The pupils showing ability in typing were taught the use of the mimeograph so that this phase of commercial work could be put to use in doing the duplicating work of the school, including production of the school newspaper.

The many other courses were taught in a practical way so that the pupils can apply what they learn when they enter the business world. They were also used as background material with which to fill out the required skilled subjects.

This department would be improved by the addition of a dictophone and a gelatin duplicator so that more office practice work could be taught.

Mary Hogan

Home Economics

Despite wartime conditions the Home Economics Department has carried on.

In the sewing classes the difficulty has been the lack of yard goods in the stores. Grain bags have helped to meet this emergency.

The eighth grade cooking classes have been too large for the limited equipment in the kitchen which serves both cooking classes and cafeteria at the same time.

Financially the cafeteria is still self-sustaining. Due

to the increase in the amount of orders, which has tripled during the year, we have managed to maintain the same scale of prices in face of the rising cost of food.

It is to be recommended, however, that when appliances are again available, adequate equipment be installed in the kitchen to meet the present needs of both cooking class and cafeteria.

Mary L. Emerson

Industrial Arts

The work in the Industrial Arts Department will undergo a few changes this year. The shortages of materials and equipment which necessitated the curtailing of work in metals as well as woods, during the "war years", will be overcome, and such courses as patternmaking, founding, sheetmetal work, and plastics will return on a greater scale.

The department is fast expanding to meet the needs of boys and girls in understanding the industrial world and some of its functions. However, there is a clamor on the part of many students for a course in automobile maintenance. Unless it be on a theoretical basis, present shop facilities are inadequate for teaching such a course. The installation of a motor, chassis, or other equipment would overcrowd areas now being used to their full capacity. Should more space be made available, it is recommended that such a course be undertaken on a high school level.

The machine shop course would be greatly enhanced were castings available for finishing. The patternmaking and founding course was designed to make such castings, but due to the lack of a furnace for melting metals such as brass, copper, or aluminum, its objectives have been only partially answered. The purchase of such a furnace which can be used for heat treatment of metals, too, is highly recommended.

The function of welding in a machine shop course cannot be over-stressed. Equipment for welding should be requisitioned, a portable type, either oxy-acetylene or electric is recommended.

Any contribution that local industry can make to further the development of the industrial arts program would be greatly appreciated. Donations of equipment, materials, or supplies, and short talks or discussions by local men of

industry would not only create a better understanding of local occupational opportunities, but would also enrich our occupational guidance program.

During the past few years, the department has taken long strides in the field of industrial arts education. The foresight and co-operation of the superintendent, the school committee, and the townspeople in granting the needs of this important phase of general education is commendable.

John Mitchell

Health and Physical Education, High School Girls and Elementary Schools

The physical education program for high school girls has followed the same aims and objectives as last year. With two periods each week, emphasis was placed on activities which met the needs of all students and had a carry-over value in their future life.

The extra-curricular sports, field hockey, and basketball, offered an opportunity for keen competition for the more athletically inclined students, while badminton, deck tennis, horseshoes and darts provided recreational opportunities for all.

A more extensive health program was added this year in the high school. Each girl had one theory class a week. Most grades had a new health text book from which to study and a complete series has been ordered.

At present the most important need is better equipment.

1. Tumbling mats
2. Net standards
3. Ping pong table
4. Girls' shower room needs raised platform or matting from dressing room to showers.

The elementary schools program emphasized good posture and good sportsmanship indirectly through games and exercises and directly through the use of health charts and regular inspections.

Physical Education Program for High School Boys

The physical education program for boys at Acton High School has stressed physical fitness for each and every individual in the school. This year we have been fortunate

in having excellent weather until early December, which made it possible to hold classes outdoors. Since the statistics have been released on the tremendous amount of men rejected for military service, we have attempted to improve the posture and carriage of the individual. The exercises approved by the armed forces have been included in the class programs. Relay races and hardening exercises, to improve the wind and physical defects of the students, have been stressed. Basketball and baseball fundamentals have been taught to all grades from seven through twelve.

In the athletic department Acton High School was not represented by a football team this year. The basketball team was called out and a squad of twenty-three men reported. This year only two veterans returned, so a new team had to be organized. The interest and spirit of both the team and students was excellent and we all look forward to a very successful season. Since we were not in a league, independent teams have been scheduled from surrounding towns. The foundation is being laid for a winning team for the next four years, since only four boys will graduate in June 1946.

We all look forward to the spring when the baseball team will be called out, as a better than average team is expected, since there are a number of holdovers from last year's club.

I wish to thank the superintendent and the faculty manager, and my fellow teachers for their excellent support and co-operation.

My recommendations are as follows:

1. A full time physical education instructor to supervise the health and physical education in both the Junior and Senior High Schools.
2. Arrange the physical training program so each student will have three or four periods a week, instead of a double period once a week.
3. A regulation to have each boy own or obtain a gym suit and a pair of sneakers, just as soon as they are available to the public.
4. The teaching of fundamentals of all sports in the Junior High School, including an intra-mural program.
5. The return of a football team to represent the high

school, and setting up the gymnasium with the equipment needed to carry on physical training indoors.

William L. O'Connell

Acton High Athletic Association

It is with pleasure that I submit my report of the activities of athletics at the Acton High School.

As you have observed in the local papers, from time to time, the publicity agents have kept you fully informed as to the success of our athletic teams. Last winter the boys and girls played in the Eastern Division of the Wachusett Basketball League with a great deal of pride and pleasure. Later on in the season the boys played baseball.

Football was omitted this fall on account of the small number of boys eligible to play. The girls, as usual, played hockey with other schools.

This winter the boys' and girls' basketball teams have a well rounded schedule to play with schools of their own size.

Again this fall, through the co-operation of students, we were able to increase our treasury account a little over \$200.00 by selling \$683.00 worth of periodicals. The money raised by the association in selling magazines, receipts of games, and sale of tonic are the sole financial support of the equipment, transportation, referees, and other expenses of all Acton High School athletic teams. Our balance sheet on December 17, 1945 was \$278.46.

Recommendation: That a general reconditioning of the auditorium be undertaken so that it may be adapted for athletics, plays, a hall, etc. with least delay possible.

Walter W. Holt

Age

Gr.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Ttl
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3			7	14	4											25
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Girls																
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REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. Richard B. Greenman
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as school physician.

Special examinations were held at the high school for students taking part in hockey and sports.

Diphtheria clinics were held in May and early June.

The yearly physical examinations were completed in November.

We have been most fortunate in not having any epidemics this past year.

The general physical condition of the school population is good in my opinion.

The cooperation of the superintendent, nurse, teachers, and townspeople is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. Mayell, M.D.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Richard Greenman
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts
Dear Sir:

Report for the school year ending December 1945 follows:

The annual school physical examinations were made in the fall by Doctor Mayell. All pupils taking part in competitive sports were examined before the start of games.

The Diphtheria Clinic was held in May; Schick tests given to 50 pupils and 93 inoculations against diphtheria were given.

Pre-school conferences were held in May when children entering school in September were examined and recommendations for defects to be corrected before the start of the school year were made.

There has been the usual run of communicable diseases. Children with colds should be kept at home during the acute stages of a cold. A cold is often the forerunner of something more serious and if the child is kept at home others are not exposed and the child himself given a better chance for less time out of school.

In October the Middlesex County T.B. League together with our town association's co-operation took X-rays of 223 townspeople, 79 of whom were high school students. The report has not yet been received from these X-rays. It is, however, a big step in the way of progress.

In closing, may I thank the teachers and the superintendent for their ever tolerant cooperation and help?

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian F. Taylor, R.N.

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Program

June 15, 1945

Entrance March

Pomp and Circumstance *Elgar*

Invocation

The Reverend Bernard M. Kane

Salutatory

Barbara Ann Clemence

Senior Quartet

Laudamus *Protheroe*

Nancy Anne Christofferson

Lorraine Lillian Kennie

John Cleveland Howard

Alexander Dominic Marini

Barbara Anne Barry, Accompanist

Address

Thomas L. Lusk

Chaplain (Capt.) U.S.A.

Piano Solo

Waltz, Op. 64, No. 2 *Chopin*

Barbara Anne Barry

Presentation of Class Gift

John Lawrence Tucker

President of Senior Class

Trumpet Solo

Lily Polka *Vander Cook*

Evelyn Ruth Danielson

Valedictory

Nancy Anne Christofferson

Presentation of Awards

Mr. Walter W. Holt, Vice-Principal

Mr. Richard B. Greenman, Superintendent of Schools

Presentation of Diplomas

Mrs. G. Howard Reed, Chairman of School Committee

Class Song

Words: Beverly June Dagenais

Music: Lorraine Lillian Kennie

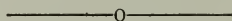
National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance
Benediction

The Reverend Henning E. Danielson

Recessional March

Spirit of America *Underwood*

Reception to Graduates



GRADUATES, 1945

Roger Alan Backman	*Evelyn Ruth Danielson
**Milton Osborne Baker	Nancy Eleanor Durkin
*Anne Lorraine Ballard	Richard Avery Gallant
*Barbara Anne Barry	*Doris Eleanor Hartwell
Warren Fredrick Birch	Alice Pearl Higgins
Sandra Lee Burroughs	John Cleveland Howard
Sylvia Lee Burroughs	Lorraine Lillian Kennie
Helen Elizabeth Christofferson	Alexander Dominic Marini
*Nancy Anne Christofferson	Doris Marie Penney
*Barbara Ann Clemence	*Barbara Lillian Reed
Catherine Elizabeth Cullinane	Joseph Michael Sweeney
Theresa Marie Curley	John Lawrence Tucker
**Beverly June Dagenais	
*Honor Students	
**In the Service	

AWARDS

Acton Center Woman's Club Scholarship

Nancy Anne Christofferson

Acton High School Scholarship of \$100

To a deserving and meritorious student for the first year in a university, college, or technical school

Barbara Anne Barry

Improvement Prizes

Two \$25 war bonds awarded by Mrs. Robert A. Reid to a boy and girl in the senior class who have shown the greatest scholastic improvement in the last four years, and who have shown a co-operative attitude through their service to the school.

Lorraine Lillian Kennie

Richard Avery Gallant

Rensselaer Medal

To a young man in the graduating class who has done the best work in mathematics and science throughout his preparatory course.

Roger Alan Backman

National Honor Society Pins

The top 15 per cent of the graduating class

Nancy Anne Christofferson

Barbara Ann Clemence

Evelyn Ruth Danielson

Doris Eleanor Hartwell

American Legion Medals

To the best all around boy and girl in the senior class as judged for scholarship, loyalty, and achievement

Doris Eleanor Hartwell

John Cleveland Howard

Reader's Digest Award

A year's subscription to the *Reader's Digest* in recognition of past accomplishment and in anticipation of unusual achievement to come.

Nancy Anne Christofferson

Good Citizenship Certificate and Pin

Awarded by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to a Good Citizen of Acton High School for the current year, who has demonstrated through her entire course qualities of dependability, leadership, service, and patriotism to an outstanding degree.

Barbara Anne Barry

Washington and Franklin Medal

Awarded by the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for excellence in the study of United States History.

Barbara Ann Clemence

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